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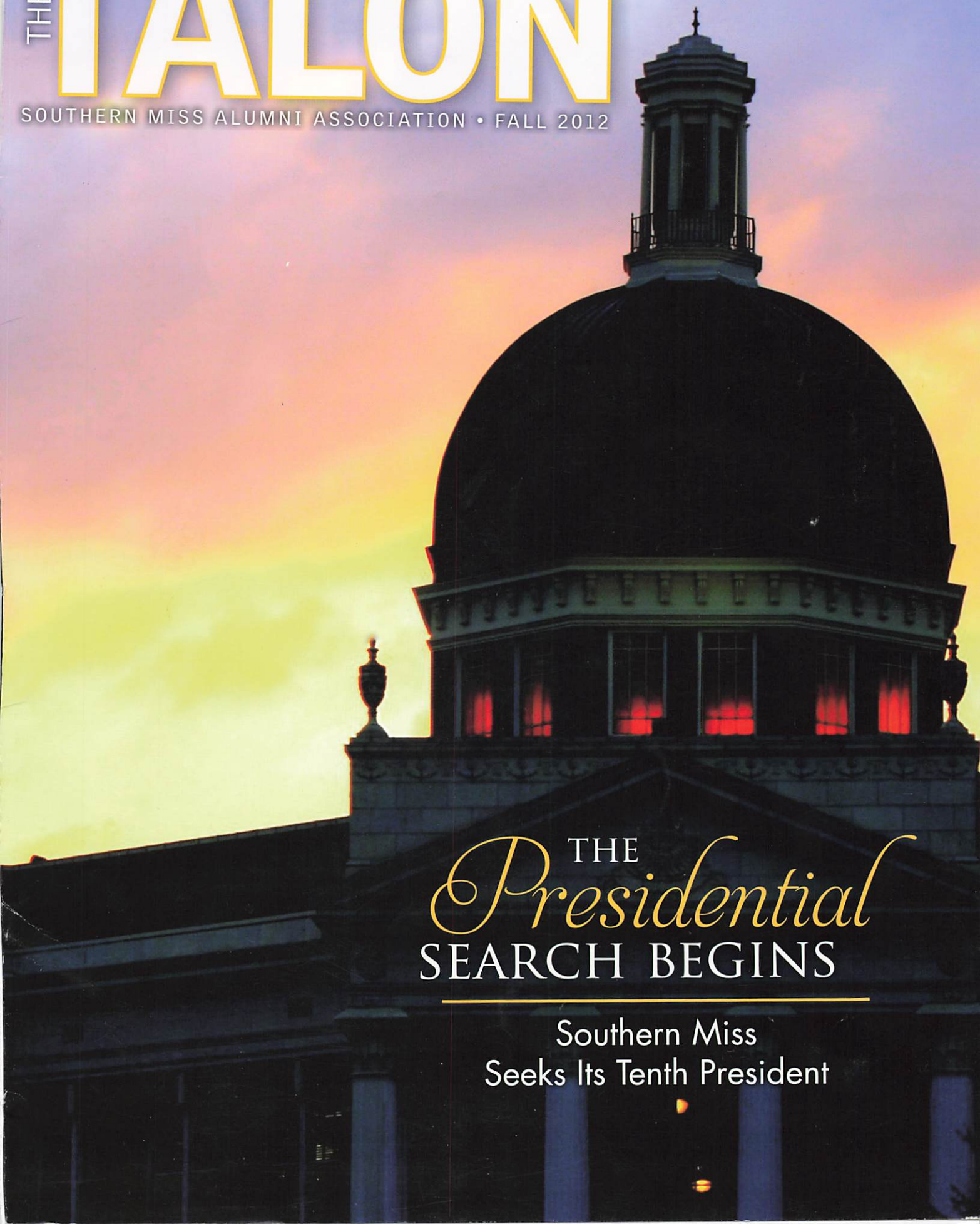

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For many, choosing an undergraduate major is as simple as finding a career you may enjoy, and choosing a career path. Rachel Odom could have never imagined she would eventually find herself on the front lines in Afghanistan helping rehabilitate the men and women of the Unites States military. After successfully starting her career as a physical therapist, Odom reflects on the journey that led her to a very unique position.

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Senior Mary Margaret Halford always held a special place in her heart for her uncle, alumnus George Halford. Recently, she entered her final year at Southern Miss and continues in his footsteps as editor of the University's newspaper, *The Student Printz*. Halford strives to lead her journalism team to excellence, both as a service to her peers and as a gift to those she cares about the most.

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The University of Southern Mississippi has a rich history and has many accomplishments to its credit due to the hard work and dedication of its faculty, staff, students and alumni. For Southern Miss to continue its upward momentum, it is imperative that we select the right person to lead our alma mater.

The most important responsibility of the Board of Trustees of State Institutions of Higher Learning (IHL) is the selection of the institutional executive officers to lead our public universities. I believe the search process adopted by the IHL Board will deliver an outstanding candidate pool and the most qualified person to serve as president of Southern Miss.

An integral part of the search process is garnering input from all stakeholders. We want all voices to be heard as you tell us what attributes and experiences you would like the next president of Southern Miss to possess. There are several ways to provide your ideas to the Board. In addition to the listening sessions held on both the Hattiesburg and Gulf Park campuses, there is an online comment form available on the University's website, www.usm.edu/presidential-search. I hope you will take this opportunity to give us your thoughts on what kind of leader can build on our rich history and take us to new levels of achievement.

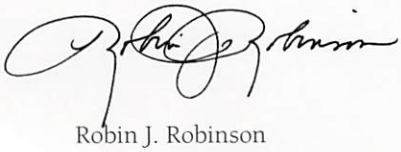
The Board also seeks assistance from the Campus Search Advisory Committee, which represents a cross-section of the campus community and includes representatives from all stakeholder groups, including faculty, staff, students, alumni and the community. These individuals review all applications and put forth at least five names that they recommend to the Board that could lead Southern Miss. In addition, the Campus Search Advisory Committee self-selects a representative group to serve on the Interview Search Advisory Committee. The Interview Search Advisory Committee members participate in the interview process alongside the Board of Trustees.

The search is expected to conclude with the naming of the president after the first of the year.

There is no doubt that The University of Southern Mississippi is special and holds a place in all of our hearts. The naming of a president is an important opportunity to shape the future of our institution. As we begin our second century, by working together to select the right leader, our momentum will continue!

I look forward to working with you as we continue our journey together.

Southern Miss to the Top!



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A collaborative, NASA-funded research project is underway at Southern Miss to determine if life can exist on Mars. Marine science assistant professor Dr. Scott Milroy is leading the effort to study whether cyanobacteria, organisms which are able to live in Antarctica, can also survive in the Martian environment.

In an effort to expand the educational opportunities beyond Southern Miss, Dr. Milroy is partnering with approximately 60 Mississippi high school students to design and implement the research, which will simulate conditions on Mars using a special incubation chamber at Stennis Space Center. Among the five grants of this type that NASA awarded, two of the experiments will ultimately be flown on the International Space Station.

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Washington Monthly Ranks Southern Miss Among Nation's Top 70

The University of Southern Mississippi has received a No. 69 ranking by *Washington Monthly* in its 2012 College Guide and Rankings.

Washington Monthly has recognized The University of Southern Mississippi among the nation's top 70 institutions of higher learning for its contributions to the public good in its 2012 College Guide and Rankings.

Southern Miss sits at No. 69 in the national rankings. Jackson State University leads the way at No. 47 among the state's eight public universities, while Mississippi State University comes in at No. 96 and the University of Mississippi ranks No. 196.

The magazine rates colleges and universities on their contributions to the public good in three broad categories: Social Mobility (recruiting and graduating low-income students); Research (producing cutting-edge scholarships and PhDs) and Service (encouraging students to give back to their country).

In establishing the rankings, *Washington Monthly* editors noted that no single category carried more weight than another. Additionally, the final rankings needed to reflect excellence across the full breadth of the measures, rather than reward an exceptionally high focus on a particular area.

MEMBERSHIP MINUTE

Congratulations to the Alumni Association's Membership Campaign winner, Susan Riley! Susan graduated from Southern Miss in 1991 with highest honors and a B.S. degree in elementary education. She has maintained an active membership with the Association for the past 12 years. She is the mother of twin sons, who are avid Southern Miss fans, and hopes that they will one day join the ranks of Southern Miss alumni. Susan was selected as the winner of an 8GB iPod Touch!

WUSM Hosts Tailgate Concert Series Prior to Each Home Football Game

With the 2012 Southern Miss football season just beginning, WUSM 88.5 announced their lineup of outstanding local and regional artists for the second annual WUSM Tailgate Concert Series held before every home football game on the Hattiesburg campus of The University of Southern Mississippi.

Located at the Centennial Green next to Danforth Chapel, Hattiesburg's own, The King Fridays; Dr. E. and the MS Voodoo Kings, whose namesake is a psychology professor at Southern Miss; T-Bird and the Breaks, who hail from Austin, Texas, and are regularly heard on WUSM; Southbound Crescent, another local favorite fronted by a Southern Miss graduate; The Mount Rushmores, a regional indie rock phenomenon with two Southern Miss alumni as members; The Adam Doleac Band, the musical outlet for former Golden Eagles infielder Adam Doleac, who scored the game-winning run in the 2009 NCAA Super Regional for Southern Miss against the Florida gators in Gainesville, are all among the entertainment scheduled this season.

Performance times vary for each game but begin three hours prior and end one hour prior to game time in order to give game goers time to be in their seats for kick-off.

AAA Ambulance Service, Southern Miss College of Arts and Letters, iTech, the U.S. Army, Hattiesburg Coca-Cola and the Fairfield Inn and Suites by Marriott are sponsoring the recurring event.

WUSM can be heard anytime online at southernmissradio.com.

Southern Miss Professor Receives National Institutes of Health Grant

Dr. Shahid Karim, associate professor of biological sciences at The University of Southern Mississippi, has received a three-year grant from the National Institutes of Health, National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases to study the disease-transmitting agents present in ticks and other blood-feeding anthropod vectors.

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Karim points out that the $439,500 grant will fund research that could one day produce a better awareness of how the vector antioxidant factors can be manipulated to prevent vector-borne diseases. Understanding the interactions between vector and rickettsial agents might help in developing strategies to combat anthropod-borne infections.

Rickettsiosis is a prime example of a vector-borne disease with considerable importance to public health. Typhus and Rocky Mountain Spotted Fever are both diseases with Rickettsiosis characteristics.

"Our research will fill a gap of knowledge on the relevance of antioxidant saliva factors for tick prolonged feeding and tick-borne infections agents' transmission," said Karim. "Our findings will have a broader impact toward discovery of anti-tick vaccine candidates to control ticks and tick-borne infectious diseases of public health significance."

Nugent Elevated to Dean of College of Nursing at Southern Miss

Dr. Katherine Nugent

Dr. Katherine Nugent, director of the School of Nursing at The University of Southern Mississippi, saw her title elevated to dean when the school officially returned to college status on July 1.

Nugent has served as the School of Nursing's director since 2004.

Previously classified as a college, the program was changed to School of Nursing in 2003 by then-President Shelby Thames as part of a major reorganization plan. In April of this year the IHL Board approved a return to college status for the program, which joins Arts and Letters, Business, Education and Psychology, Health, and Science and Technology as the University's degree-granting colleges.

With the official change on July 1, the College of Nursing no longer is included as part of the College of Health, and reports now instead to the provost's office.

The Southern Miss nursing program saw 145 students – including undergraduate, master's and doctoral candidates – receive their degrees during spring commencement ceremonies in May.

Southern Miss Researchers Publish Important Findings in Alzheimer's Disease

Like all scientific processes, biochemical research in the lab of University of Southern Mississippi Professor Dr. Vijay Rangachari begins with a theory. And there is no shortage of theories when it comes to Alzheimer's disease research.

"People are making different theories but they're still not sure what actually causes Alzheimer's," said Ahmit Kumar, a fifth-year graduate student at Southern Miss and a member of Rangachari's research team. "Theories about what causes, what doesn't are all around and this is the part we're focusing on because this may be the actual reason of the Alzheimer's toxicity."

Southern Miss graduate student Ahmit Kumar, foreground, is working on Alzheimer's research in the lab of Southern Miss Professor Vijay Rangachari.

Alzheimer's is caused by the formation of large protein deposits that destroy neurons in the brain. This summer, Kumar's research led to an interesting discovery, which shows not only how these toxic agents form, but how they seem to undergo a snowball effect.

"It's not just that they've examined what toxic agent exist, but the fact that they replicate to infect other neurons in the brain and that aspect has not been observed before then," said Rangachari.

Kumar's research findings have been recently published in the Journal of Biological Chemistry, which reaches a global audience.

"The significance of this paper is that it opens the doors to looking at the disease in a very different perspective," said Rangachari.

Alzheimer's disease is a progressive brain disorder characterized by acute memory loss and difficulty performing day-to-day tasks. It affects mostly elderly people over the age of 60. The number of people impacted by the disease is staggering – it is estimated that approximately 5.4 million Americans are affected by the disease.

And while the ultimate objective may be years down the road, Kumar's mission is clear. "Maybe we can get a cure for Alzheimer's disease one day," he said.

Researchers Look at Ways to Provide Portable Energy with Organic Solar Cells

While most of us can't imagine life without a laptop or smart phone, powering up these high tech devices on-the-go can be a challenge.

Researchers at The University of Southern Mississippi's School of Polymers and High Performance Materials are working to develop a portable energy source using light from the sun to produce organic solar cells.

Dr. Sarah E. Morgan, associate professor of polymer science in the School of Polymers and High Performance Materials, is one of four faculty members overseeing research to improve the performance of organic materials that can generate electrical power using solar radiation.

Dr. Mithun Bhattacharya, left, a post doctoral fellow at The University of Southern Mississippi, is conducting solar cells research with undergraduate student Kelly McLeod.

Morgan is collaborating on the project with Dr. Gordon C. Cannon and Dr. Sabine Heinhorst, professors in the University's Department of Chemistry and Biochemistry, and Dr. James W. Rawlins, associate professor of polymer science. The U.S. Department of Energy has provided advanced instrumentation, such as a solar simulator, to test the lab cells, along with an atomic force microscope, to examine the cell on the nano scale.

The research project engages different facets of science, employing both graduate students and undergraduates. Kelly McLeod is set to graduate next year and said the organic solar cell project has inspired her to attend graduate school in this field.

As the research continues on campus, Morgan believes the big picture is providing more opportunity for the students who graduate from the program.

Peyrefitte Named Interim Dean of College of Business at Southern Miss

Dr. Joseph Peyrefitte

University of Southern Mississippi Provost Dr. Denis Wiesenburg has announced that Dr. Joseph Peyrefitte, senior associate dean in the College of Business, will serve as interim dean during the college's period of transition.

Peyrefitte will assume the dean's role from Dr. Lance Nail, who left Southern Miss on Aug. 15 to accept a similar position at Texas Tech University. Nail has served as dean of the College of Business since July, 2008.

The transition plan also includes appointments of Dr. Gwen Pate to interim senior associate dean and Dr. Mike Wittmann to interim associate dean for external relations. A national search will be conducted this fall for a new dean.

Wiesenburg noted that his office will oversee the search for a new dean. Dr. David Davies, dean of the Honors College, has agreed to chair the search committee. The search began in August with expectations to have a new dean in place by the next academic year.

British Studies Students Take In 2012 Summer Olympics Action

Students and faculty participating in The University of Southern Mississippi summer British Studies Program witnessed history in the making as the international city hosted the 2012 Summer Olympics.

Students and faculty participating in The University of Southern Mississippi summer British Studies Program (BSP) typically learn about London's past while visiting its venerable historic sites, including Big Ben and Westminster Abbey. But this year's group also witnessed history in the making as the international city hosted the 2012 Summer Olympics, the first time for the city to host the games since 1948.

Included among those in London for the program were students in Southern Miss associate professor Dr. Dennis Phillips' Sport Global Studies class. Designed to give a worldwide perspective about how sport bridges geographical and cultural barriers, the class examined economics, politics, sociology, business management and marketing, event operations, security and the legacy of sport in Great Britain.

The BSP began preparing for the 2012 Olympics six years ago when it created the course lead by Phillips. Each summer since, the course focused on the planning and preparations for the games.

When the games began July 27, students, faculty and British friends of the program took part in a special Thames River cruise hosted by Southern Miss university partner King's College during the opening ceremonies of the Olympics. Fireworks shined the way for the group through London's night sky as the ceremonial torch was lit for the opening of the games.

On the morning of July 28, the group gathered across the river from their dormitory to watch the start and end of the men's cycling event. Meanwhile, sports management students were joined by a representative from each of the program's 15 other classes at Olympic volleyball and basketball events as holders of highly coveted tickets.

Students participated in Olympic Park tours, met with the cycling, marathon and beach volleyball venue and operations director, toured Olympic Training Centers, met with the stadium safety and security operations director of the Olympic Stadium and had an educational session with architects at POPULOUS, the foremost stadium and arena builders in the world and creators of Wembley Stadium, the Olympic Village and competition venues.

They also attended the women's basketball games of Czech Republic vs. China and Canada vs. Russia, visited Olympic Park and the stadium seen by all viewing the games on TV for the opening ceremonies, viewed all of the venues used for many of the events and saw the "Orbit" up close and personal.

Fitts Selected Associate Dean of Students

Wynde Fitts

A University of Southern Mississippi alumna who has served her alma mater in a variety of capacities is taking on a new role in its Division of Student Affairs.

Wynde Fitts, who previously served as director of Greek Life and most recently as director of the Office of the First Year Experience, has been chosen as the new associate dean of students in the Dean of Students Office.

"I have great pride in my University, and it is my goal to motivate others to embrace what it means to be a Golden Eagle—as a leader, scholar and citizen," Fitts said.

In her new role, Fitts is responsible for administering the Student Code of Conduct and serving as a University judicial officer. She will advise the Student Government Association, student peer judicial boards, as well as student groups managing marquee University-wide events.

A Jackson native, Fitts holds a bachelor's degree in journalism with a minor in marketing and a master's degree in counseling and personnel services, with an emphasis in student affairs administration. She served as director of Greek Life from 1999 to 2003 and then as director of the Office of the First Year Experience from 2003 to 2012.

She is known for her keen ability to connect with students from all walks of life, said Dean of Students Dr. Eddie Holloway.

Fitts plans to be an active advocate for the value of civility, which she sees as integral to the college experience.

Online Publication Lists Forster Among 100 Awesome Deans of Public Health

Dr. Mike Forster

Dr. Michael Forster, dean of the College of Health at The University of Southern Mississippi, has been selected as one of the top 100 Awesome Deans of Public Health by the online publication MPHProgramsList.com.

Forster, now in his fifth year as a Southern Miss dean, deferred credit for his inclusion to the standards set forth by students, faculty and staff of the college.

"I note from the organization's website that the educational program's reputation is part of the selection process, so the listing says as much, or more, about the program as about me as dean," said Forster.

The list is designed as a guide for students interested in pursuing a master's of public health degree. Criteria used to compile the list included the reputation of the institution along with the personal achievements of each dean.

Forster notes that the Southern Miss program is driven by "a dedicated and research-active faculty, a strong commitment to public health and well-being generally, strong connections to both the public and private health sectors and a variety of instructional formats—including an innovative executive format."

USM LIBRARIES SEEKS YEARBOOKS

The University of Southern Mississippi Libraries gratefully accepts gifts and contributions for the development of its collections. Especially valuable are items that fill existing gaps and demonstrate the rich history of our University.

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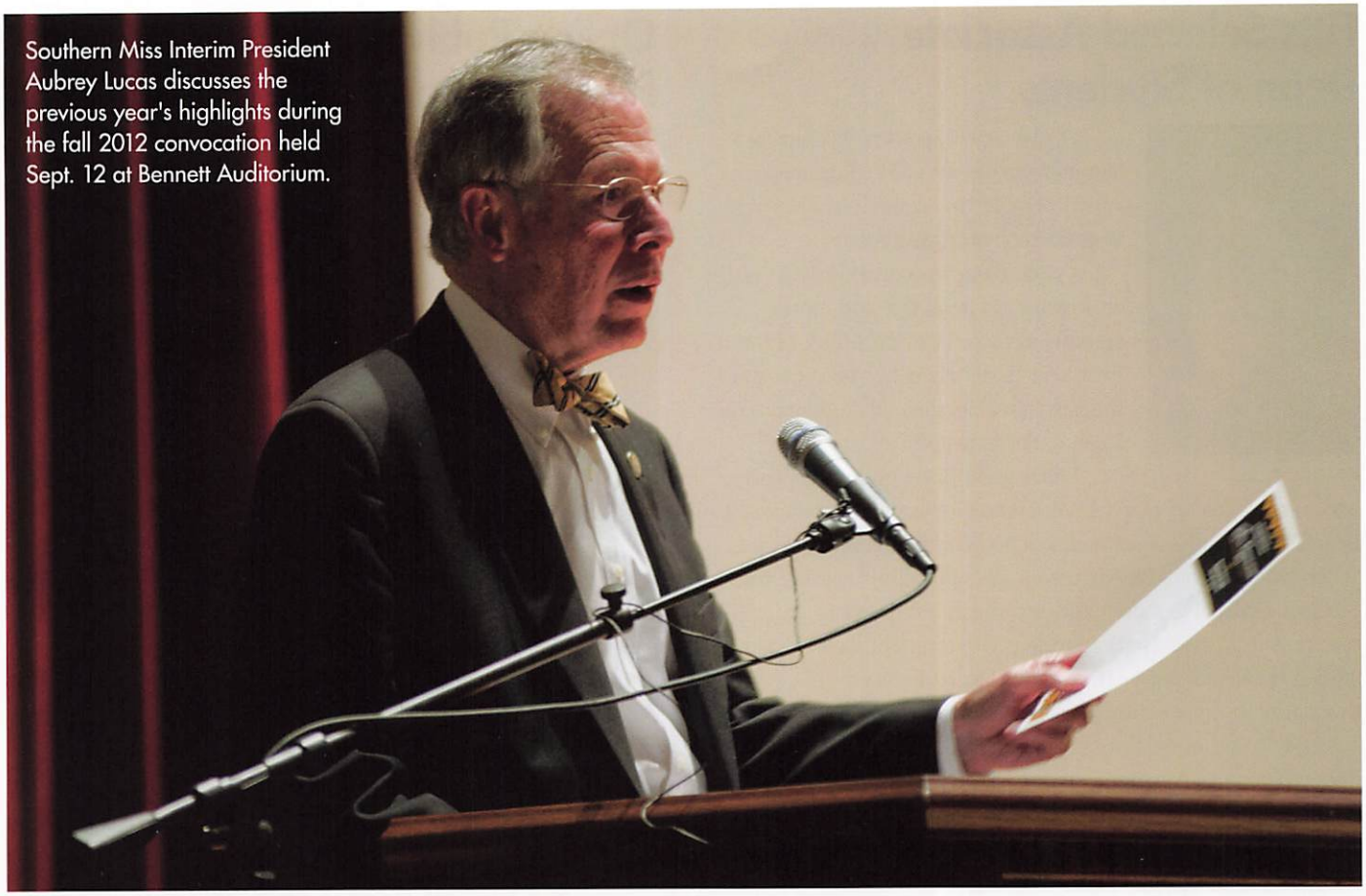

Southern Miss Interim President Aubrey Lucas discusses the previous year's highlights during the fall 2012 convocation held Sept. 12 at Bennett Auditorium.

Annual Fall Convocation Spotlights Southern Miss Achievements

University of Southern Mississippi Interim President Aubrey Lucas greeted faculty, staff and students at the institution's fall 2012 convocation Sept. 12, thanking them for their service to the University and noting various individual and institutional accomplishments from the previous academic year.

An increase in freshmen enrollment, expansion of state-of-the art student housing, advancements in academic research that have garnered national and international media notice, individual student, faculty and staff achievements and groundbreaking on new buildings for the Colleges of Business and Nursing were among many accomplishments Lucas cited as he expressed hopes for more in the future.

"Doesn't that make you proud to be at Southern Miss?" he said.

Members of the president's executive cabinet also spoke about achievements and goals for their areas in 2012-13. The cabinet includes Provost Denis Wiesenburg; Athletics Director Jeff Hammond; Vice President for Student Affairs Joe Paul; Southern Miss Gulf Coast Vice President Frances Lucas; Interim Vice President for Finance and Administration Tom Estes; Vice President for Advancement Bob Pierce and Executive Assistant to the President for External and Governmental Affairs Chad Driskell.

Paul credited not only his staff in the Division of Student Affairs for their efforts to boost freshman enrollment, but also faculty and staff for "making us attractive to students."

Wiesenburg and Frances Lucas gave a special welcome to new members of the faculty, 86 of which are tenure-track and 15 of which will be based at Southern Miss Gulf Coast. Estes noted campus construction projects underway and on the drawing board, including the renovation of historic College Hall which is set to go back online in fall 2013 and house the School of Mass Communication and Journalism.

Pierce praised faculty and staff for their generosity in increasing their financial donations to the University through the Campaign for Southern Miss as well as his staff for its work to help the Foundation secure $20 million in gifts to the University, a fiscal year record.

Hammond also spoke, inviting Southern Miss faculty and staff to attend Saturday's home football opener against East Carolina while also thanking them for their work to help students meet their goals.

"You do touch hearts and, wow, you do change lives," Hammond said, noting that the Athletics Department and University share the same mission of fostering student achievement. "Together, we can make a difference in the lives of everyone we touch at this University," he said.

In praising the group for their work, Lucas said, "I'll put this cabinet up against any in the nation."

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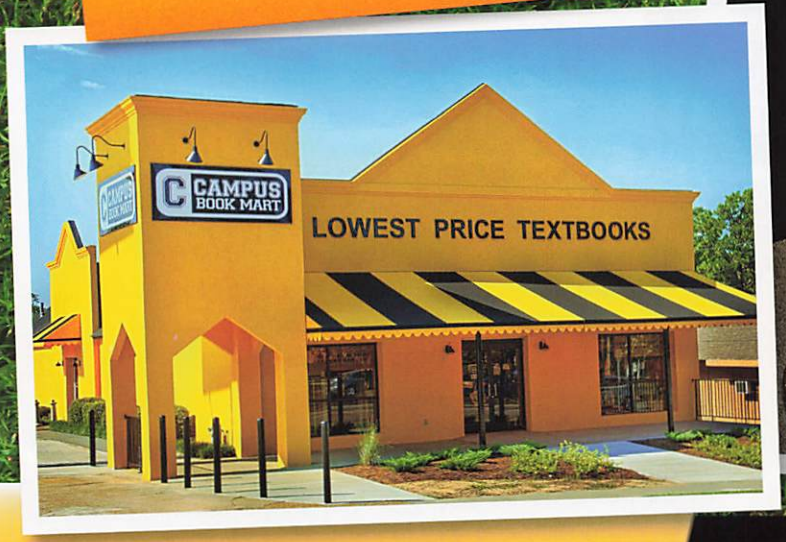

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Alex Doleac, a junior at Southern Miss and a legacy of the University, sat down with the Alumni Association staff to answer a few questions about his Golden Eagle experience thus far.

What is your earliest memory of Southern Miss?
I remember coming to Southern Miss with my mom, a Kappa Delta alumna, and her showing me her composite on the wall in Panhellenic and the room that she has dedicated to Kappa Delta.

Why did you choose Southern Miss?
To be honest, I grew up in Hattiesburg, and when I thought of graduating from high school, I thought of newness, getting out of my comfort zone and experiencing the world. I have to admit that Southern Miss didn't seem like that to me because I'd always been around it. Then, I decided my sophomore year of high school that I wanted to play college sports. I narrowed it down to a couple schools, and Southern Miss was my best offer. My senior year of high school, I visited the campus and became interested in Greek Life and other on campus activities. Those experiences showed me I had no idea what went on at the University.

What all are you involved in on campus?
One of my favorite things I'm involved in is the Leadership Executive team where I am able to help the freshmen Leadership Scholars transition from high school to college. I've also been a Golden Eagle Welcome Weekend (GEWW) leader. I'm a student-athlete and have played tennis my entire career at Southern Miss. I'm also a member of Pi Kappa Phi fraternity, which to me, has become a place where I feel at home and where there are people that I can relate to.

Can you describe what a typical day in the life of Alex Doleac is like?
I have to be in the weight room at 5:45 a.m., run, do workouts, meet with the tennis team, go to class, go to practice in the afternoons and then find time to study in the library.

What has been your best Southern Miss moment so far?
Playing my first tennis match was pretty incredible. I dreamed of playing a Division 1 college sport in high school. The first time on the court as a member of the tennis team I thought, "This is it! This is what I've been working 18 years for."

Do you have a Southern Miss role model?
My parents! It's cool to see how Southern Miss has changed since they've been here. When you leave home to come to college, you become best friends with your parents. Another role model would be my brother. He went to Southern Miss, played baseball and knows how hectic the schedule can be.

What are your plans after Southern Miss?
Graduate school. My major is architectural engineering technology, and I eventually want to be an architect. I like the idea of finding that happy medium between art and something that you can make a career out of.

Southern Miss is a family, and you're an important part of keeping the black and gold spirit alive. It's never too early to start. Visit campus, attend a Southern Miss sporting event, or simply tell your child about your college experience.

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October

4-5 **Fourth Annual Elmo Lang Memorial Continuing Legal Education Seminar**
Oct. 4 | Thad Cochran Center, Room 214 | 10 a.m.
Oct. 5 | Trent Lott National Center, Room 101-102 | 8 a.m.

OCTOBER 19-20
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19 **Homecoming Golf Tournament**
Hattiesburg Country Club
8:30 a.m. | To register, visit SouthernMissAlumni.com or call 601.266.5013

Alumni Hall of Fame Dinner
Thad Cochran Center | 6:30 p.m.

20 **Homecoming 5K Eagle Run**
8 a.m. | For more information, visit usm.edu/homecoming

Homecoming Parade
Downtown Hattiesburg | 10 a.m.

Alumni Awards Lunch and Business Meeting
Thad Cochran Center | Noon

Homecoming Football Game vs. Marshall
The Rock | 6 p.m. | For tickets, visit SouthernMissTickets.com or call 1.800.844.TICK or 601.266.5418

30 **Legacy Series Part II: Urban Legends Haunted Campus Tour**
Ogletree House | 6:30 p.m.

November

2 **100 Years Athletics Gala**
Lake Terrace Convention Center | 6 – 10 p.m.
For more information or tickets, call 601.266.5299

3 **Legacy Service Saturday**
Ogletree House | 8 a.m.

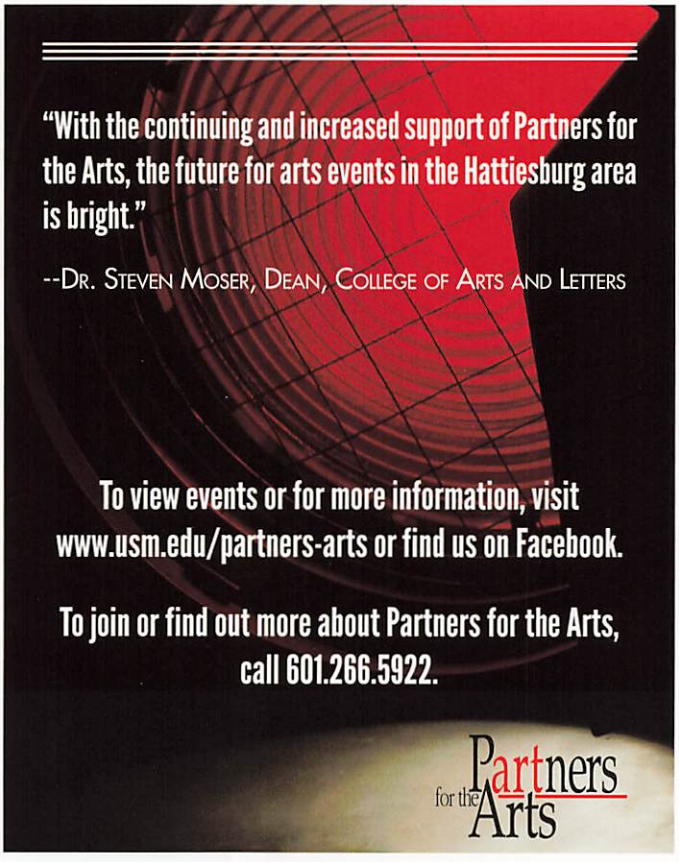
29 **Lighting the Way**
Lucas Administration Building Lawn | 5:30 p.m.

SOUTHERN MISS TRiViA

Here are a few questions to test your knowledge of Southern Miss history. Answer two or three accurately, and you can consider yourself a loyal alumnus or alumna. Answer zero or one correctly, and you may want to double check to make sure your diploma is not from a university in north Mississippi.

1. Who was the football team's first opponent, and where was the first game held?
2. What former University president also coached the opposing football team in the school's first football game?
3. What was the name of the first athletic conference the University was a part of, and when did this membership occur?
4. What song does The Pride of Mississippi Marching Band play after the extra point is kicked at Southern Miss football games?
5. Who is the longest serving athletic head coach, and what sport did he coach?

SEE THE ANSWERS ON PAGE 63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HOMECOMING GOLF TOURNAMENT

Presented by Coca-Cola

Friday, October 19, 2012

8:30 a.m. | Hattiesburg Country Club

The Southern Miss Alumni Association invites you to the 2012 Shell Finish Line/Alumni Homecoming Golf Tournament, to be held at Hattiesburg Coutnry Club, the official country club of the Alumni Association. To register now or for more information, visit SouthernMissAlumni.com or call the Alumni Association at 601.266.5013.

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Southern Miss Alumni Association Announces Executive Committee

DALE SHEARER '87
PRESIDENT

President of the Southern Miss Alumni Association, Dale Shearer returned to the Association's volunteer leadership as vice president in 2010 following a stint on the Association's Board of Directors from 2002-05. A 1987 graduate of The University of Southern Mississippi (BA, English), Shearer was brought up a Southerner and Golden Eagle. A member of the Eagle Club and fan of any team wearing the Black and Gold, he is the son of Carolyn and Kenneth B. Shearer '60, who served as president of the Alumni Association in 1970-71.

While a student, Shearer was a member of the Honors College and Alpha Tau Omega fraternity and was active in student government. As an alumnus, he has also served as a member of the USM Foundation's Board of Directors, on the Alumni Association's Presidential Transition Team in 2006, and as a delegate to the IHL Inter-Alumni Council. Shearer has provided legal counsel to various Association groups, and he and his wife, the former Janet Denise Saul '90, are members of The University of Southern Mississippi Foundation Honor Club.

Shearer is a graduate of the University of Minnesota Law School, and was admitted to the Mississippi Bar in 1991. He is a member of the law firm Copeland, Cook, Taylor & Bush, P.A., with offices in Ridgeland, Biloxi and Hattiesburg. Shearer represents individuals and legal entities in oil and gas, construction, insurance, software development, manufacturing, transportation and other industries doing business in Mississippi. In his community, he attends Pear Orchard Presbyterian Church with his family, and he has served on the Board of Directors for the City of Ridgeland Chamber of Commerce. He has also provided legal services to nonprofit religious and educational organizations, and consulted with local leadership of the Boy Scouts of America undertaking high-adventure trips.

Shearer resides in Ridgeland with Janet, daughter Mary Kate and son Sam.

2012–13 Executive Committee

BENNY WADDLE '82
PRESIDENT-ELECT

Hattiesburg resident and Life Member of the Southern Miss Alumni Association, Benny Waddle received a bachelor's degree in accounting from Southern Miss. A certified public accountant, he graduated from the Louisiana State University Graduate School of Banking. Recently Waddle accepted a position as senior vice president, Commercial Lending for Bancorp South.

An active member of his community, Waddle is a board member of D.R.E.A.M. and the Kiwanis Club of Hattiesburg, where he holds the position of treasurer. Previously, he was the finance chairman for Parkway Heights United Methodist Church, assistant scoutmaster for the Boy Scouts of America, and served on the board for the Salvation Army, Area Development Partnership, YMCA and the Greater Pine Belt Community Foundation.

Waddle also devotes time to his alma mater, having served as a board member for the Eagle Club, the USM Foundation and the Alumni Association from 2003-06. The Alumni Association has honored him with the Outstanding Service Award

in 1997 and the Continuous Outstanding Service Award in 2004.

Waddle is married to the former Pam Gillespie '83, '96. The couple has two children, Amanda, a current student at Southern Miss, and Benjamin.

ANGIE COLLINS '92, '94

VICE PRESIDENT

Angie Collins is the manager of the Southeast MS Regional Office in Hattiesburg for the Mississippi Development Authority (MDA). She has worked at MDA since 1995. Her primary duties and responsibilities include working with existing industries and promoting and delivering agency economic development activities for the 16-county area of Southeast Mississippi on behalf of the State of Mississippi.

Collins attended The University of Southern Mississippi, where she received her Master of Science degree in economic development and her Bachelor of Science degree in paralegal studies. She is a certified public manager for the State of Mississippi.

Collins is a past Board member of the Mississippi Economic Development Council. She is the immediate past chairman of the Southern Economic Development Council, a 17-state regional economic development organization, and has been the recipient of several SEDC Chairman's Awards. She serves as the secretary for MS South Inc., a regional developers' organization representing nine counties in Southeast Mississippi.

Collins has served on the Southern Miss Alumni Association Board, as well as director for the Southern Miss Eagle Club.

Collins is married to Thomas Wayne Collins. She has a son, Chad Cognevich, and stepson, Christopher Collins. Collins and her husband Tom reside in Ellisville and are the proud grandparents to grandchildren Caylee and Cash.

DR. ALVIN J. WILLIAMS '74

PAST PRESIDENT

Dr. Alvin Williams' distinguished record of service to The University of Southern Mississippi spans three decades and continues today. While the majority of his efforts on behalf of Southern Miss have been as a professor and administrator, Williams currently serves as past president of the Alumni Association. In his role with the Alumni Association, Williams, a member of the Alumni Hall of Fame, is part of an executive committee that provides guidance for the Association's operations.

In preparation of the Centennial celebration, Williams was co-chair of the University's Centennial Celebration Steering Committee. As co-chair of this committee, Williams was responsible for guiding a group of 50 volunteers as they ensured that the 100th anniversary of the institution's founding captured both the University's treasured past and its golden future.

While his volunteer service is impressive, Williams is perhaps best known for his work in academia. Williams earned a bachelor's degree from Southern Miss in 1974, master's degree from the University of Alabama, and his Ph.D. from the University of Arkansas. He was interim dean of the College of Business and professor of marketing at Southern Miss, where he worked from 1980 to 2008. Williams also served as a department chair from 1988 to 2005. He is past president of the Society for Marketing Advances and past editor of the Journal of Supply Chain Management.

Williams has conducted more than 350 presentations and seminars for supply management and marketing professionals in the U.S., Europe, South Africa and China. He has published in various academic and professional journals in marketing and supply management, including Industrial Marketing Management, the Journal of Supply Chain Management, Supply Chain Management Review and the Journal of Personal Selling and Sales Management. Williams is currently a distinguished professor of marketing at the University of South Alabama's Mitchell College of Business.

His civic and community activities have included, at various times, Boy Scouts of America, which honored him with the Silver Beaver Award, Salvation Army Boys and Girls Club Board, United Way of Southeast Mississippi, Area Development Partnership Board and the USM Foundation Board. He is married to Lourinda Williams '75, '77, and the Life Members of the Alumni Association have two daughters, Adria and Aprille '10.

RON RUSSELL '84

FINANCE COMMITTEE CHAIR

Ron Russell, a 1984 accounting graduate of The University of Southern Mississippi, is a certified public accountant and has been in private practice for the last 22 years. This is his third term as finance committee chair.

Russell is active in the local Jackson Metro Alumni Chapter and Eagle Club. In addition, he has served on the USM Foundation Board, Southern Miss Alumni Association Board and was one of the founding members of the Southern Miss College of Business Advisory Council. He and his wife Monica '83 have established an accounting scholarship at Southern Miss. Russell has also served on the Board of Governors for the Mississippi Society of CPA's and is a former president of the Central Chapter of the MSCPA. He served as treasurer and on the Board of Directors for the Jackson Touchdown Club and the Jackson Jaycee's. Russell and his wife Monica are active in Broadmoor Baptist Church, where he has served as secretary and on numerous committees and taken on multiple roles, including finance committee chairman.

A Madison native, he and his wife are the proud parents of three girls,

Audra, a current student at Southern Miss, and Avery and Adele, both future Golden Eagles. Russell loves Southern Miss and has missed only one home football game in the last 30 years, when his daughter Avery was born.

NEW BOARD MEMBERS

CHUCK BENIGNO

Dr. Chuck Benigno is currently the superintendent of the Laurel Schools. Prior to this position, he served as vice president of Student Services for Mississippi Gulf Coast Community College, dean of Campus Life for Jones County Junior College, principal of West Jones Middle School and principal of North Forrest High School.

During his 27-year educational career, he has been selected as Who's Who Among American Teachers, Coach of the Year, Administrator of the Year, and was a participant in the Harvard Graduate School's "Project Zero" classroom. Benigno is a motivational speaker who has spoken to more than 100 schools and organizations throughout Mississippi and is the author of *Teaching: Excellence or Survival?*

Since receiving his Ph.D. in educational leadership in 2005, Benigno has conducted numerous leadership seminars designed to help leaders understand the importance of creating dynamic work environments where employees feel valued and appreciated. Under his leadership, the Laurel School District has moved from an "At-Risk of Failing" label to a "Successful" label, according to the Mississippi Department of Education. Benigno also serves as an adjunct professor in Southern Miss' Graduate School for Educational Administration and Supervision.

Benigno is on the Advisory Council for the Lauren Rogers Museum of Art and serves on the Board of Directors for the United Way of the Pine Belt and the Laurel Rotary Club.

Benigno has been married to his wife Gina '94 for more than 28 years. This "black and gold" family has three children, including former Miss USM Kristen '11, current Southern Miss senior Kaitlin and future Golden Eagle Brett.

JULIE POLK BREAZEALE

Julie Breazeale attended The University of Southern Mississippi and graduated with a Bachelor of Science in Business Administration in December of 2000. Breazeale then went to work for her family's business, Polk's Meat Products Inc. She has held several management positions within the company. In 2007 she completed the master's program in business at Southern Miss. She currently holds the office of chief executive officer for Polk's Meat Products Inc.

She married Eddy Breazeale in 2003, and they have three children, Barrett, 8; Blake, 5; and Olivia, 2. The Breazeale family resides in Oak Grove, and they attend First Baptist Church of Hattiesburg.

MARK GRAHAM

Alumni Association Life Member Mark Graham has been a highly successful real estate professional in the Hattiesburg market for more than 15 years. Graham graduated from The University of Southern Mississippi with a degree in finance with an emphasis in real estate. While at Southern Miss, Graham was a member of Sigma Alpha Epsilon fraternity.

Graham is active in the Hattiesburg community, serving on the local Board of Realtors as well as the USM Foundation's finance committee. He was also an Ogletree House Campaign donor.

In 2011, Graham was named the Hattiesburg Board of Realtors Top Producer, as well as the Realty Executive Regional Top Producer.

Graham and his wife Wendi are the proud parents of two sons, Jackson and Eli, and they attend First Baptist Church of Hattiesburg.

CHERYL JOHNSON

Cheryl Johnson is president of the Mississippi Gulf Coast area for Regions Bank, responsible for the oversight and direction of all banking functions in the three coastal counties of the state. Johnson's 34-year banking career encompasses multiple levels of banking in various roles and numerous awards for production and team leadership.

Johnson has received recognition as a Top 50 Leading Mississippi Businesswoman, Gulfport Rotarian of the Year, South MS Outstanding Community Leader and 2010 Woman of Achievement - Corporate Category. Current commitments include Garden Park Hospital Board of Trustees, Gulf Coast Business Council, *Sun Herald* Business Roundtable, Gulfport Business Club and Technical Advisory Board for the Gulf Coast Renaissance Corporation. Previous commitments included past president of the Gulfport Rotary Club, event chair for the 2011's Go Red for Women, Greater Biloxi Economic Development Foundation and Gulf Coast Nonprofit Center.

Johnson graduated from Southern Miss in 1984 with a bachelor's degree in criminal justice. She lives in Long Beach with her husband of 26 years, Bobby Johnson. They have two children, Rob and Zack.

PAMELA MUNGER

Pam Munger graduated from The University of Southern Mississippi in 2003 with a bachelor's degree in marketing. Currently Munger is the owner and training/marketing director for Chik-Fil-A of Starkville.

While at Southern Miss, Munger was a part of the tennis team. One of the

highlights of her time on campus was being able to represent Southern Miss Athletics.

Munger and husband Jon are expecting their first child at the end of November.

TRACI ROUSE

Traci Rouse is the vice president of marketing for Wesley Medical Center. Prior, she served for 10 years as the communication manager for the Hattiesburg Convention Commission.

Rouse currently serves on the Board of Directors of Junior Auxiliary of Hattiesburg as first vice president (president-elect). She has served JA of Hattiesburg in many roles, including Charity Ball chair and awards chair. She also serves on the Board of Directors for the Pink Ribbon Fund. Rouse is a past president of the Pine Belt Chapter of the Public Relations Association of Mississippi and served on the state board for two years. She has also served as an advisor to the Phi Epsilon chapter of Delta Delta Delta, a Steering Committee member for Leadership Pine Belt and a board member for the Mississippi Miss Hospitality Pageant.

In 2008, Pine Belt PRAM recognized Rouse as the "Bud Kirkpatrick Practitioner of the Year." In 2007, she was recognized as one of Hattiesburg's Top 20 Business Leaders under 40.

Rouse received her Bachelor of Arts degree in communication in 2000 and her Master of Science degree in public relations in 2002. Since graduating, she has served on the Southern Miss Business Advisory Council and the Arts Gala Planning Committee.

She is married to Wes Rouse of Hattiesburg. The couple is expecting their first child in April 2013.

WARREN MILLER

Warren Miller is the state emergency program manager for the American Red Cross, a program that manages relief efforts for Mississippi and the surrounding areas. He also serves as the current president of the Mississippi Volunteer Organizations Active in Disasters (VOAD) and as deputy chief of staff for the national president of the Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity Inc.

Miller graduated from The University of Southern Mississippi in 1987 with a Bachelor of Science in computer sciences. He currently resides in Madison with his wife Tracey and his two children, Chesnee and Tristen.

Legacy Corner

The Legacy, the student Alumni Association, is off to a fantastic start this year following another highly successful membership drive. Nine hundred and fifty students joined this year. From August 22 to September 5, Legacy members and Alumni Association staff manned stations throughout campus, welcoming new members and returning members alike with great opportunities for free gear, deals and more surprises! Laurie Benvenutti, manager of constituent relations, cites using text-messaging to encourage membership as one of the driving factors to the program.

Pictured from left to right, Alumni Association Director for External Affairs Jennifer Payne, Samuel Newman, Association Manager of Constituent Relations Laurie Benvenutti, M.C. Price and Legacy Vice President Torrel Bridges during one of the many membership drives hosted by The Legacy

Alumni Association Names Anderson Data Entry Specialist

Sharon Anderson

The Alumni Association is proud to welcome Sharon Anderson to the team in her role as a data entry specialist. She is responsible for the collection and organization of all incoming information from all alumni, including membership files, database management and contact information.

Anderson previously owned and operated her own business in the Hattiesburg area, where she and her employees processed and managed payroll and financial information for the local population. A Hattiesburg native, she lives with her loving husband of 25 years, Tim Anderson. She has two daughters, Lindsey Anderson and Lauren Anderson Moore '10, who is an alumnae of the Southern Miss Nursing program.

Alumni Association Announces 2012 Legacy Scholars

Recruiting children and grandchildren of alumni was one of the Southern Miss Alumni Association's top initiatives in the recent fiscal year. This priority continues today. A piece of that initiative is to continue to award the Robert D. Pierce II Legacy Scholarship. Established in 2003, and named in honor of Bob Pierce, former Alumni Association executive director, in 2008, the Robert D. Pierce II Legacy Scholarship helps perpetuate Southern Miss legacies by providing financial assistance to children and grandchildren of active Alumni Association members. Recipients are chosen by the Alumni Association's Scholarship Committee based on the criteria of academic excellence, community service and high school involvement. Candidates must be the children or grandchildren of an alumnus or alumna who is a Life Member of the Association or has been an active member of the organization for 10 or more consecutive years.

Susannah Carpenter

Susannah, a student from Oak Grove High School, is the daughter of Association Life Member James R. Carpenter Jr. and granddaughter of Life Member James Ray Carpenter Sr. At OGHS, Susannah excelled academically as a member of the National Society of High School Scholars, the National Youth Leadership Forum on Medicine, and Mensa, a society that only accepts those with an IQ in the top two percent in the world. Susannah was a member of the Beta Club, Diamond Girls, First Priority Leadership Team, Student Council and the Key Club. She also volunteered with the Red Cross, Homes of Hope for Children, Oak Grove Public Library and Oasis Consignment Shop. Susannah participated in a mission trip to Costa Rica. She plans to major in biology at Southern Miss.

Mackenzie Carmody

Mackenzie, a student from Jackson Academy, is the daughter of Association Life Members Stephen and Rowena Carmody. Mackenzie was a member of the varsity basketball team, fast pitch softball team and the varsity track team. She excelled in the classroom as a member of the National Society of High School Scholars, Mu Alpha Theta and received Academy Honors. She was involved with the Fellowship of Christian Athletes, the French Club, Spanish Club, the Outdoor Club and Students Against Drunk Driving. Mackenzie also served her community through Habitat for Humanity, the Salvation Army and Mustard Seed. She plans to study kinesiology in hopes of becoming a physical therapist at Southern Miss.

Cayla Michelle Cruce

Cayla, who attended Winder-Barrow High School in Braselton, Ga., is the granddaughter of Life Member Tom Potter. Cayla was a member of the National Honor Society of High School Scholars, the Fellowship of Christian Athletes, as well as being on the merit and honor rolls. She was also a varsity basketball cheerleader, member of the junior varsity softball team and the manager for the varsity softball team. Cayla was involved in community service by serving as an after-school tutor, Relay for Life, Down Syndrome Buddy Walk and helping with Vacation Bible School at her church. She plans on majoring in nursing to become an registered nurse or a nurse practitioner.

William Gardner Hewes IV

Gardner comes to Southern Miss from St. Patrick Catholic High School in Biloxi and is the son of Association Life Member William G. Hewes III and grandson of Life Member William G. Hewes Jr. Gardner was on the honor roll all four years of high school and earned membership in several honor societies such as Mu Alpha Theta and the National Honor Society. He also participated in Student Council, Youth in Government, the varsity baseball team, swim team, Fellowship of Christian Athletes and the Science Club. Gardner volunteered with Katrina clean-up, Heart Walk and raised funds for a local soup kitchen and to have AED's placed in all schools in his school district. Gardner plans to begin his military career in the ROTC program while majoring in business.

Catherine Elizabeth Mercier

Betsy, who attended Sacred Heart Catholic High School in Hattiesburg, is the daughter of Association Life Members Andrew and Stace Mercier. Betsy was president of her senior class, a member of the Beta Club, choir, Spanish Club, the National Society of High School Scholars, Letterman's Club, the Environmental Club and Student Council. Betsy also was captain of the varsity soccer team, a member of the varsity volleyball team, varsity golf team and the varsity track team. Betsy volunteered by serving as a counselor at the Abby Rogers Civitan Camp. She also volunteered with the Salvation Army, the Mayor's Youth Council, Hispanic Ministry and the Right to Life. Betsy is majoring in education with a minor in English at Southern Miss.

Rhea Phillips Valentine

Rhea, a student from Sumrall High School, is the daughter of Association Life Member Alesia Phillips Valentine and the granddaughter of Life Members Tom Rhea and Barbara Phillips. At Sumrall, Rhea was on the honor roll, a recipient of the Algebra Award, Biology Award, Art Award and the Theatre Award. Rhea also participated in the concert choir, show choir, Fellowship of Christian Athletes, archery team, Beta Club, History Club, Drama Club and First Priority. She was also selected as Homecoming queen and Miss Sumrall High School. She served as a counselor at the Abby Rogers Civitan Camp and volunteered with the Lamar County Youth Council, Missions Hattiesburg, Relay for Life, Sumrall Area Development and Vacation Bible School at her church.

Gieger, Rhett Chosen as Recipients of 2012 Peets Buffett Scholarship

Alex Gieger

Sarah Rhett

The Southern Miss Alumni Association has announced that Alex Gieger of Laurel and Sarah Rhett of Hattiesburg are the 2012 recipients of the Mary Loraine Peets Buffett Scholarship.

The scholarships, which are managed by the Alumni Association, are awarded to full-time female students from the state of Mississippi demonstrating financial need with a minimum high school grade point average of 3.0. The $5,000 is for one academic year and may be renewed annually for up to four years provided that all requirements, including full-time status, enrollment in the College of Arts and Letters, and the maintenance of a 3.0 grade point average, are met.

Alex, a fourth-year recipient of the Peets Buffett Scholarship, is a music education major. During her time at Southern Miss, Alex has excelled academically by making the president's list, the dean's list and has maintained a GPA of 3.9. Alex credits Peets Buffet's emphasis on education and hard work for her success in the classroom. In January 2012, Alex was able to travel to Italy for two weeks as part of a Southern Miss choral tour, where the group performed in some of the most famous cathedrals in Italy. Alex says that without the generosity of the Buffett family, she would not have been able to have this experience, and she is blessed to have not only been a recipient of the scholarship but a representative of all that Peets Buffett lived for. Alex is currently in her senior year and will graduate in May.

Lizzie Rhett attended Presbyterian Christian High School in Hattiesburg and will be majoring in English at Southern Miss. As a student at PCHS, Lizzie was a member of the Beta Club, the soccer team, Fellowship of Christian Athletes and involved in the high school musical. Lizzie was also the recipient of numerous academic awards including the highest grade average in Algebra, awards in AP English and was selected as a United States Army Scholar Athlete. Lizzie was involved in the Hattiesburg community and at First Presbyterian Church, where she participated in local and nationwide mission activities, volunteered at the Palmer Home, Lamar County Youth Council and the Junior Auxiliary Backpack Project. Lizzie was selected as a Leadership Scholar and will be a part of the Honors College at Southern Miss.

Born in 1921, Mary Loraine Peets Buffett was known simply as "Peets" to her family and friends. The mother of two daughters, Laurie and Lucy, and a son who is one of The University of Southern Mississippi's most prominent alumni, Jimmy Buffett, she is remembered for her infectious love of books, people and family.

A 1940 graduate of Gulf Park College for Women (now the Southern Miss Gulf Park campus) in Long Beach, Peets' enthusiasm for education never ceased. Following her retirement from employment in 1979, Peets fulfilled her lifelong dream of obtaining a university degree at the age of 64.

Doyle Awarded Elmo Lang Memorial Scholarship

Taylor Nicole Doyle, was awarded the 2012 Elmo Lang Memorial scholarship. The scholarship, which is managed by the Alumni Association, is awarded to incoming full-time female freshmen from the state of Mississippi with a minimum high school grade point average of 3.0.

Taylor Nicole Doyle

A student from Biloxi, Taylor has been dedicated to serving through projects such as the Children's International Summer Village, where she traveled to Norway and the Czech Republic as a counselor. Taylor has also volunteered with the Loaves and Fishes, which serves hot meals to families in need and has led projects to maintain the facility. Taylor has been a Girl Scout since 2005 and is now an ambassador, the highest level one can achieve. She received the Silver Award and recently finished the Gold Award Project, the highest award achieved in Girl Scouts. At St. Patrick Catholic High School, Taylor has been involved with the robotics team and mentored the first Junior Lego League at a local elementary school. Taylor plans on majoring in architectural engineering at Southern Miss.

Jesse Elmo Lang was an outstanding athlete who came to Southern Miss, then Mississippi Southern College, in 1949 on a football scholarship. During his time as a Southerner, he set numerous records on the football field and was named Mr. USM his senior year.

Lang always told his children and grandchildren, "College will be the greatest time of your life."

Mobile Chapter of the Southern Miss Alumni Association Hosts Annual Crawfish Boil

The University of Southern Mississippi's Mobile Area Alumni Association held its inaugural "Mobile Bay Crawfish Boil" benefitting the Mickey Marshall Endowment on June 9, at the Historic Malbis Community Center. The chapter has given an annual scholarship to an incoming freshman from Mobile or Baldwin County for many years and is establishing an endowed scholarship to benefit students from those two counties.

This event is designed to benefit the endowment as well as welcome incoming students from Mobile and Baldwin Counties to Southern Miss and was extremely successful, having more than 250 people attend the event, which raised $2,500 for the endowment. Attendees included alumni, incoming students, campus Student Affairs personnel and friends of the University.

During the event, Vice President for Student Affairs Dr. Joe Paul addressed the crowd and assisted with the scholarship presentation. The 2012 recipient of the Mickey Marshall Endowed Scholarship was Megan Weaver of Satsuma, Ala.

The chapter looks forward to continuing this event for many years to come and is excited about the future scholarship fundraising opportunities that will benefit students from Mobile and Baldwin Counties.

Members of the Mobile Area Alumni Association Executive Board (pictured left to right): Jamie Loris, Joe Sullivan, Brent Greenwald, Megan Weaver (Scholarship Recipient), Dr. Joe Paul (Southern Miss VP for Student Affairs), Mickey Marshall. Members of the Mobile Area Alumni Association Executive Board not pictured: John Erwin and R.J. Shea.

Alumni Association Hosts Three Annual Summer Parties

The students may have been out of class, but Southern Miss spent its summer traveling and meeting with alumni, friends and prospective students.

The first event, the 29th Annual Jackson All-Star Party, hosted by the Central Mississippi Alumni Chapter, was held July 12, at the Mississippi Trademart in Jackson. The event included live music, food provided by local restaurants, a large silent auction and a live auction that included lunch at the Governor's Mansion with the Governor and First Lady, as well as a pair of tickets to the President's Suite for a home football game. Proceeds from this party support the Central Mississippi Alumni Chapter Scholarship fund, which provides scholarships to deserving students from the Jackson area that will be freshmen at Southern Miss in the fall. The chapter awarded three scholarships this year.

The Gulf Coast Beach Bash, hosted by the Gulf Coast Metro Alumni Chapter, was held July 14, in Biloxi, and was one of three summer parties hosted by the Southern Miss Alumni Association this summer.

The second summer event, the Gulf Coast Beach Bash, hosted by the Gulf Coast Metro Alumni Chapter, was held July 14, at the Dr. Frank Gruich Sr. Community Center in Biloxi. The event included live island music by Southern Miss alum Ray Theaux, a live auction that included a pair of tickets to the President's Suite for a home football game and a raffle, as well as a fried catfish and shrimp dinner. Proceeds from this party support the Gulf Coast Metro Alumni Chapter Scholarship fund, which provides scholarships to deserving students from the Mississippi Gulf Coast who will be freshmen at Southern Miss in the fall. The chapter awarded two scholarships this year.

Even though the Association staff traveled all across the state, that did not stop them from bringing Golden Eagle Fever to Hattiesburg. The 17th Annual Eagle Fanfare, hosted by the South Central Mississippi Alumni Chapter, was held on August 4, at the Lake Terrace Convention Center. More than 800 fans filled the center, and the event included a photo booth, a large silent auction and a live auction which included a Brett Favre autographed schedule poster from the 1989 season and a pair of tickets to the President's Suite for a home football game.

At each event, Head Football Coach Ellis Johnson, Athletic Director Jeff Hammond and Vice President for Student Affairs Dr. Joe Paul addressed alumni and fans in attendance. Select assistant football coaches, Southern Miss football players, cheerleaders, additional athletes, Seymour and head coaches from various Southern Miss sports were also on hand to sign autographs and meet fans.

TAILGATING TREATS & GAME DAY GRUB!

After asking for football photos and recipes from our readers, the Alumni Association didn't think it would be such a difficult decision choosing from all of the amazing entries! John Duease '93, pictured, shows his family celebrating an Eagle victory no matter the weather. John was kind enough to donate his family's secret recipe for tailgating success to share with all *Talon* readers: The Seymour Sandwich!

SEYMOUR SANDWICH *12-14 servings*

- Two (2) whole bakery-fresh Italian bread loaves (1 lb. each)
- One (1) 8-oz. package cream cheese, softened
- 3/4 c. chopped green onions
- 1/4 c. mayo
- 1 Tbs. Worcestershire sauce
- 1 lb. thinly sliced deli ham
- 1 lb. thinly sliced shaved deli turkey (or thinly sliced roast beef)
- 12-14 thin slices of dill pickle
- 1 c. shredded cheddar

Mix cream cheese, green onion, mayonnaise, Worcestershire sauce and cheddar in a mixing bowl. Spread mixture on to hollowed out Italian bread loaves. Layer ham and turkey (or roast beef). Top one side of the sandwich with dill pickle. Refrigerate at least two hours before cutting to serve.

Welcome New Life Members

William Brett
Richard Craven
Quitman and Jeannie Lockley
Courtney Elliott
Harry and Elizabeth Arinder
Barry Howell
Kay Wood
Isaac Gang
Mark Graham
Brian McPhail
Katherine Farmer
Denvil Smith
Patrick and Celeste Lowery
Darell Coffey
Jerome and Judith Duran
Judy Wall
Marvin Huntsman
Susan Bogle
Sherry Conley
Kyle Brown
John and Mavis Walker
Rebecca Von Gillern
Brett and Heather Cassell
Cheri Heflin
Van Craft
Kristi Beshenich
Edward Thompson
Carl Smith
Daniel Winter
Kris and Amanda Powell
Renee Thigpen
Christopher Howard
Christopher Freeman
Judson Vance
Stephen George and Mandy Roberts
Brenton Buckley
Jaralea Garrett
Richard Penick
Donald and Lisa Doleac
Rebecca Rice
Victoria Diabin
Rob and Stephanie McCrary
Wayne and Barbara Johnston
James Blake
John Fisackerly
Elizabeth Broome
Jay Dean
Adam and Stacy Neighbors
Robert Welch
Chad Lindsey
Raquel Williams
Angela Houston
Verble Alexander
David Owens
Andrew and Stephanie Brown
Kelly Heindl
Imogene Hoffman
Richard Liston
Keith Ball
Jeffrey Kitch
Keith and Anna McKelphin
William Lockhart
John and Katherine Adams
Jessica Tate
Anthony and Katherine Ekwenchi
Sarah Foster
Joseph Gregory
Ardys Jones
Drew Thompson
Stanley Gill
George Newton
Joshua Ladner
James Cruise
Barbara Collier
Robert Alderman
Billye Currie
Fred and Betty Ison
Warren Miller
Kathryn Parks
Charles Johnson
Elizabeth Nicholson
Mike and April Wittmann
Frances Teply
Lia Polk
William Sumrall
Lane Whitney
John Roy Massey
Thomas Pisarich
Paul and Amie Harris
Jacqueline Torres
Andy and Jill Wiest
Brett Reiter
Lisa Cummings
Alicia Carpenter

A Scholarship Based on Character

Cass Flagg and Hyler Bracey pose with their 620 LP Standard John Deere tractor, one of only 37 ever made. This is one of the many tractors they have restored and show at tractor shows across the nation.

A new scholarship has been established in the College of Business at The University of Southern Mississippi that recognizes the importance of character. Many scholarships are based on financial need or academic excellence; however, the College of Business Merit Scholarship is based on both of those criteria plus character – integrity, work ethic and commitment to finish a degree.

Hyler Bracey, Aubrey Sanford and Cass Flagg (Bracey's wife), all who are either alumni and/or former professors at Southern Miss, are committed to a scholarship based on integrity, willingness to work hard, commitment to finishing a degree, financial need and strong academic performance. They have "primed the pump" and are asking others to contribute at any level. Rather than putting their names on the scholarship, Bracey, Sanford and Flagg wanted the College of Business Merit Scholarship to give everyone the opportunity to make a difference in someone else's life.

All three donors know the difference a scholarship can make in the life of a student. "While attending Lamar University in Beaumont, Texas, I was married, had a child and was struggling financially to stay in school," recalled Bracey. "With the help of a Lamar professor, I received a scholarship that paid for my tuition and books. If not for that help, I would not have been able to stay in school." Bracey then made a commitment to one day help deserving students with financial needs.

"Going to graduate school at Southern Miss gave me the chance to have a better life," said Flagg. "I am very appreciative for all the University did for me and hope this scholarship will provide those same opportunities to future students."

Sanford explains the common denominator in their stories is their affection for Southern Miss. "Through many fortunate experiences, we all found our way to Southern Miss. My education there allowed me to earn a Ph.D. That degree gave me the opportunity to come back and teach at my alma mater," explained Sanford. "My desire is to do something for deserving students that will better not only their lives, but the University as well."

The scholarship, which provides full tuition and a book allowance, was first

Aubrey Sanford enjoys riding his motorcycles across the East Coast.

awarded in the spring semester of 2011 to Andrew Slemaker, a Finance major from Columbia, Miss. "This scholarship has made a significantly positive impact on Andrew," said Dr. Lance Nail, former dean of the College of Business at Southern Miss. "After meeting Andrew, I knew he was the exact type of student that Hyler and Cass wanted to support and promote." Slemaker was admitted into the Business Honors House, received the Mississippi Young Bankers' Leadership Scholarship as the top Finance junior in the state, and was named a Swayze finalist as one of the top five Finance students in Mississippi.

"This scholarship has given me the opportunity to meet a lot of people," said Slemaker. "I am grateful for the relationships I have been able to form with people like Dr. Nail and Dr. Bracey. They have dedicated much of their time to me and offered valuable advice that will really help me in my future career." Slemaker spent his summer working as an intern in the Accounting Department at Sanderson Farms in Laurel, Miss.

"The Merit Scholarship, when funded at the appropriate level, will be a significant advancement for the College of Business," said Nail. "The new building will provide a state-of-the-art facility in which to impart business knowledge, and we want to ensure Southern Miss has the brightest minds to receive this education. The Merit Scholarship will take truly deserving, talented students of high character and provide them the opportunity to complete their educations when some of them of them might not be able to continue due to financial constraints. This scholarship is visionary, and I believe it will play a major role in moving the Southern Miss College of Business to the next level."

After Bracey and Sanford earned their doctoral degrees at Louisiana State University, they were both hired as professors in the Management Department at Southern Miss, where they taught for 10 years. While teaching at Southern Miss, the two started a training and consulting firm that became very successful. In 1979, Bracey, Flagg and Sanford moved to Atlanta, Ga., to grow the business, renaming it The Atlanta Consulting Group. After more than 20 successful years in business together, they sold the consulting group in 1996 and retired. In retirement Bracey and Flagg collect, restore and show antique John Deere tractors. Sanford enjoys riding his motorcycles in the hills of Georgia, South Carolina and North Carolina.

To make a gift to the College of Business Merit Scholarship, contact the USM Foundation by calling 601.266.5210 or visit www.usmfoundation.com/cobmerit.

A MESSAGE FROM HYLER, AUBREY AND CASS

We have started this scholarship. If it is going to be significant, it will be because of you and others. You can make a difference in students' lives by helping fund the College of Business Merit Scholarship. There will be exemplary students that will be able to stay in college because of your help. Approximately $7,000 funds an annual scholarship. $200,000 will endow one in perpetuity. We have shown our commitment by seeding the scholarship. Please help by contributing to the scholarship and by enrolling others in this worthy cause. Our dream is to raise at least $1 million, and with your support, we know we can accomplish this goal!

Southern Miss Faculty, Staff Campaign Surpasses Goal

Faculty and staff members who participated in The Campaign for Southern Miss gathered on June 21 to celebrate a successful campaign. Back row from left: Dave Davies, Josh Schutts, Delores McNair, David Tisdale, and Matthis Piel. Front row from left: Larry Sparkman, Laurie Benvenutti, Jessica Cloud, Dolly Loyd, Kameron Dale, and Keltoum Rowland.

With 32 percent of full-time University employees making gifts to The University of Southern Mississippi Foundation, the 2012 Campaign for Southern Miss has exceeded its goal.

The Campaign, which was an effort to increase the number of Southern Miss faculty and staff that give back to the University through the USM Foundation, began on July 1, 2011, and will end on June 30, 2012.

The USM Foundation announced the participation rate to campaign donors and volunteers at a reception held on June 19 at Southern Miss Gulf Coast. A reception for Hattiesburg campus donors and volunteers was held on June 21. The 32 percent participation rate is believed to be the highest of any public university in Mississippi, according to Bob Pierce, vice president for university advancement and executive director of the USM Foundation.

"This is a tremendous accomplishment,"

GOLDEN EAGLE IMPACT

The C SPIRE FOUNDATION of Ridgeland, Miss. made a gift of $15,000 to the C Spire Annual Scholarship to provide scholarships to students in both the College of Business and the College of Science and Technology.

A gift commitment of $10,000 from BANCORPSOUTH ASSET MANAGEMENT & TRUST of Hattiesburg, Miss. will help insure the continued operations of the DuBard School for Language Disorders.

JEFF and LORI HOLLINGSHEAD of Flowood, Miss. established the Jeffrey A. Hollingshead Accounting Scholarship Endowment to provide scholarships to students majoring in Accounting.

TOM and JANA MCDONNELL of Ridgeland, Miss. made a gift of $15,000 to the Sigma Chi Academic Achievement Scholarship Endowment to award scholarships to students who are members of the Theta Delta Chapter of Sigma Chi Fraternity at Southern Miss.

WILL BAKER of Hattiesburg, Miss. made a gift of $10,000 to the DuBard School Fund.

JEAN BECKMAN of Meridian, Miss. made a gift to the Jack Gavin Early Memorial Scholarship Endowment to award scholarships to students majoring in Accounting.

JOY and MALCOLM LIGHTSEY of Ridgeland, Miss. made a gift of $11,000 to the Joy Lightsey Accounting Scholarship Endowment to benefit students in the School of Accountancy and Information Systems in the College of Business.

MARTHA and TOMMY THORNTON of Hattiesburg, Miss. made a gift commitment of $10,000 to the DuBard School for Language Disorders Endowment.

said Pierce. "To grow the charitable giving participation rate among Southern Miss employees from one in 10 to one in three in a year's time is remarkable. I appreciate Jessica Cloud and the USM Foundation staff; Dolly Loyd and the Campaign Steering Committee; as well as the numerous USM employees that made it happen. If this is not an endorsement of confidence in the institution, I don't know what is."

The success of this year's campaign was fueled by the efforts of 75 volunteers and steering committee members across both University campuses who helped educate co-workers about the importance of annual gifts from faculty and staff. The USM Foundation distributed packets of information to all employees across Southern Miss campuses and teaching and research sites. Several departments achieved 100 percent participation.

Campaign steering committee chair, Professor Dolly Loyd said, "I am just thrilled that our faculty and staff showed their love for our University by giving over and above the goal that we set for the Campaign for Southern Miss. It makes me so proud of the University community. My thanks to all the members of the committee and Foundation staff for their hard work."

The goal for the 2011-12 fiscal year was to triple the previous year's participation rate of 10 percent, according to Jessica Cloud, manager of annual giving and special projects for the USM Foundation.

"One of the reasons I came back to work at my alma mater was to demonstrate what was possible at Southern Miss," said Cloud. "We have great people here who love this University and believe in its mission. Once we had an ambitious goal to organize that energy, look at what we were able to accomplish!"

The funds raised during the campaign support a wide variety of areas, including scholarships, schools and programs, building campaigns and faculty support. "The message that you can give to the area of the University that means the most to you was very important to this Campaign," explained Cloud. "Many faculty and staff donors even split their gift so it could support several areas."

Gifts to the Campaign for Southern Miss from faculty and staff of the University totaled more than $435,000. Cloud explained that although the focus of the Campaign was participation, it all adds up to make a significant impact.

"I am deeply grateful for the incredible response from the Southern Miss employees to this campaign," said Dr. Martha Saunders, former university president. "This is a wonderful testimony to our belief in our students, our programs and ourselves."

THE TOMMY AND CLODAGH MANN FOUNDATION of Katy, Texas made a gift of $10,000 to the John and Molly Mann Annual Scholarship Fund to support scholarships to graduates of a Catholic high school on the Mississippi Gulf Coast.

THE SERTOMA CLUB of Hattiesburg made a gift of $19,000 to the DuBard School Fund.

JON MARK and PEGGY WEATHERS of Hattiesburg, Miss. made a gift commitment to establish the Jon Jason Weathers Scholarship Endowment to benefit students majoring in Nursing in the CRNA program.

AUDREY GHATAS of Mount Olive, Miss. and DAVE WARE of Hattiesburg, Miss. made a combined gift commitment of $50,000 to support the College of Nursing Building Campaign.

DAVID and SHARON RICHARDSON of Hattiesburg, Miss. made a gift commitment to support the Dubard School for Language Disorders.

Donors to the College of Business Building Campaign of $10,000 or more since April 2012:

BANCORPSOUTH FOUNDATION of Tupelo, Miss.

CUMBEST REALTY, INC. of Moss Point, Miss.

LANG and LYNNE HERNDON of Scottsdale, Ariz.

TOMMY and CLODAGH MANN of Katy, Texas

DONN and KELLI MITCHELL of Saint Louis, Mo.

NICHOLSON & COMPANY, PLLC of Hattiesburg, Miss.

POLK'S MEAT PRODUCTS, INC. of Magee, Miss.

PRIORITYONE BANK of Magee, Miss.

USM Foundation Boasts New Fundraising Record with More Than $20 Million Raised

The University of Southern Mississippi Foundation has set a new record for gifts and pledges received during a single fiscal year at $20,336,110. The record eclipses the previous mark of $13.9 million from fiscal 2006 by 43 percent and also represents an increase of 300 percent over the amount raised last year. More than 4,620 donors participated in the record-setting effort.

"We were obviously very blessed with some incredible gifts this past year," stated Vice President for University Advancement and Executive Director of the USM Foundation Bob Pierce. "We had some significant donors step forward with substantial gifts as well as tremendous leadership from Dr. Saunders and others to enhance the efforts of the USM Foundation staff to generate these funds."

During the recently concluded fiscal year, which ran from July 1, 2011, to June 30, 2012, University officials, USM Foundation staff members and volunteers worked diligently to raise funds for a wide variety of areas, including three of the University's top fundraising initiatives, the Building Better Business Campaign, the College of Nursing Building Campaign and the DuBard School 50th Anniversary Campaign. Gifts to the Foundation also helped establish 30 new endowments, award scholarships to more than 1,800 students and increase University employee giving to Southern Miss from 10 percent to 32 percent.

Significant gifts during the 2011-12 fiscal year included $6 million from Chuck and Rita Scianna to support a new building for the College of Business, $4 million from the Luckyday Foundation to aid in construction of a new residence hall for the Luckyday Citizen Scholars, and $4 million from the Asbury Foundation of Hattiesburg to launch the College of Nursing's campaign for a new, state-of-the-art facility. Each of these gifts will result in the respective building bearing the name of the donor.

"I deeply appreciate the successful work of our Advancement staff in setting a record of private gifts which will move us forward in our vision of greater distinction," said Dr. Aubrey Lucas, interim president of the University.

In May 2010, the University's Executive Cabinet adopted a new initiative-based fundraising model for the institution. Moving away from the traditional college-based structure, development officers were centralized to pursue private funding for the University's top fundraising priorities as determined by the University's leadership.

Gee Ogletree, an attorney in Jackson, Miss., and the USM Foundation's president during the 2011-12 year, credited the new model for establishing the structure on which to build the success experienced last year. "We are very pleased with initiative-based fundraising focusing on the major fundraising priorities identified by the University to meet its strategic objectives. This record-breaking year is a testament to the generosity of alumni, faculty, staff and friends in responding to these initiatives and other opportunities as well as the dedication of the Foundation's staff and board of directors in carrying out the initiatives."

As state funding for higher education decreases, Southern Miss relies more than ever on donors to provide private support for the future of the University by investing in its students, faculty and facilities. As efforts to generate charitable contributions for the College of Nursing facility wind down, the University and USM Foundation will shift its focus to building its endowment.

"That is the next phase of enhancing the institution," said Pierce. "Our endowment is insufficient for an institution the size and educational quality of Southern Miss. We have set a goal to grow the endowment to $100 million by 2017, so hopefully the record fundraising years will continue, allowing us to cement the financial future of the University while providing endowed scholarships for our students and endowed professorships for our faculty."

Ogletree added, "This year's success should challenge all of us to do our part to meet the Foundation's strategic goal of growing the Foundation's endowment to $100 million over the next five years."

Couple Supports the Arts at Southern Miss Through the Gift of Scholarship

Dr. and Mrs. Smith enjoy attending shows held at the many venues on the Southern Miss Hattiesburg campus, including Marsh Auditorium.

A generous gift of stock to The University of Southern Mississippi Foundation from Dr. and Mrs. Larry Smith of Hattiesburg, Miss., has established a scholarship endowment in Music and enhanced an existing scholarship endowment in Theatre and Dance.

The J. Larry and Linda B. Smith Music Scholarship Endowment will provide scholarships for students majoring in Piano, Voice or an orchestral instrument in the School of Music at Southern Miss. Since its establishment in 2003, the John B. Smith and Charles M. Smith Theatre and Dance Scholarship Endowment has awarded scholarships to 26 students in both the Theatre and Dance departments.

As avid supporters of the arts, Dr. and Mrs. Smith hope the scholarships will help to continue to attract talented students to the arts programs at Southern Miss.

"We are very fortunate to have a symphony orchestra and numerous talented artists two blocks from our house," said Mrs. Smith. "Many people have to travel to see good entertainment, but thanks to the programs at Southern Miss, we don't have to travel at all."

While many of the shows they attend are on the Hattiesburg campus of Southern Miss, Dr. and Mrs. Smith have also attended shows in surrounding areas, including the performance by world-renowned soprano Renee Fleming with the Southern Miss Symphony Orchestra that kicked off the University's Centennial Celebration in January 2010.

"We have seen Renee Fleming, Yo-Yo Ma, Itzhak Perlman and Placido Domingo all through the programs at Southern Miss," said Dr. Smith. "It is simply amazing."

Dr. and Mrs. Smith moved to Hattiesburg in 1967 when Dr. Smith was hired as a pathologist at Puckett Laboratory after finishing medical school at Tulane University. Following nearly 30 years in practice, he retired in 1995.

After contemplating the best way to make a difference in the lives of others, Dr. and Mrs. Smith decided supporting education would make the most impact on an ongoing need.

"I hope to affect somebody else's life in a positive way through these scholarships so deserving students can go to college," said Mrs. Smith.

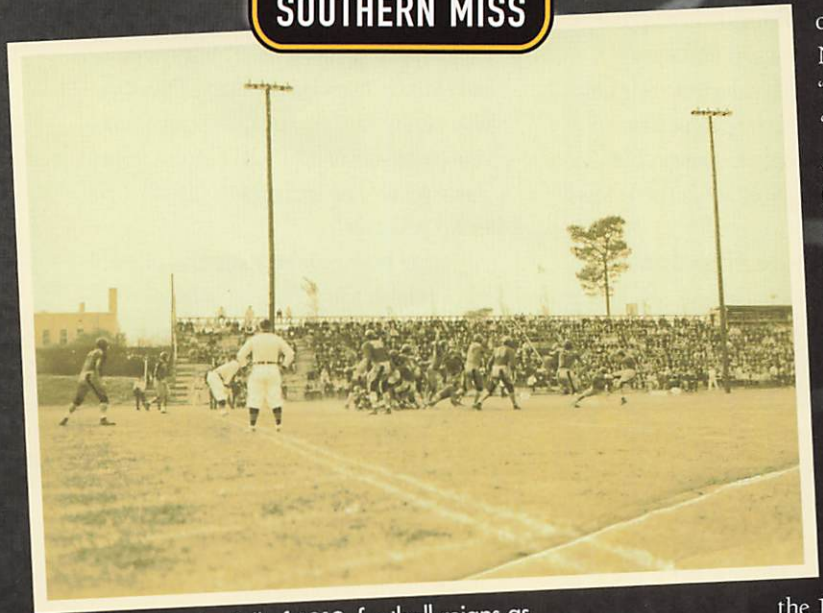
"The College of Arts and Letters is deeply grateful to Dr. and Mrs. Smith for their generosity," said Dr. Steven Moser, dean of the College of Arts and Letters. "This gift allows the College to carry forward the training of the finest student artists in Music, Dance and Theatre and promises to significantly strengthen our arts program as we seek to build upon our tradition of excellence. 'A society without the arts,' said Plato, 'lives by chance.' This gift will surely enrich our University and our community and will help to secure our role as 'The University for the Arts' in Mississippi."

Aside from enjoying the arts offered by Southern Miss, Dr. and Mrs. Smith like taking classes at the Osher Lifelong Learning Institute on the University's Hattiesburg campus.

To make a gift to the J. Larry and Linda B. Smith Music Scholarship Endowment or the John B. Smith and Charles M. Smith Theatre and Dance Scholarship Endowment, contact the USM Foundation by calling 601.266.5210.

SOUTHERN MISS CELEBRATES 100 YEARS OF ATHLETICS

An excerpt from the book *Treasured Past. Golden Future: The University of Southern Mississippi, 1910-2010* by Southern Miss Alumnus Dr. Chester "Bo" Morgan



Organized in the fall of 1912, football reigns as Southern Miss' oldest sport.

Athletics began modestly at Mississippi Normal College. In September 1912, 150 students organized the Athletic Association and elected science professor R. J. Slay as athletic director. Football was new to many country boys in 1912, and only after much persuasion did thirteen "stalwart" souls, two of them one-armed, volunteer for the school's first squad. The inaugural game was a 30-0 thrashing of the Hattiesburg Boy Scouts, coached, ironically, by future State Teachers College president Claude Bennett. Another win and a loss filled out the opening season. Students walked the mile or so to Kamper Park where home games were played. In its first decade, the school went through five different coaches—Slay, A. B. Dille, B. B. "Opp" O'Mara , Cephus Anderson, and O. V. "Spout" Austin—all of whom coached on a part-time basis. Scheduling proved difficult, and opponents ranged from nearby agricultural high schools, such as Poplarville and Wesson, to Mississippi College, which pounded the "Normalites" on a somewhat regular basis.

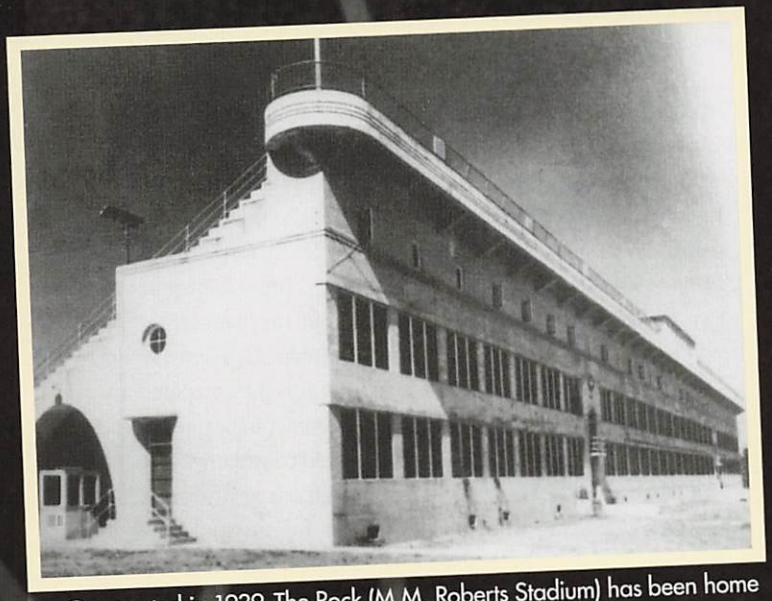
Highlights of the early years included a 113-0 triumph over Mize and a 13-7 near miss against Ole Miss in 1913. Notable players included "Blink" Anderson, "Puny" Davis, "Mutt" Campbell, "Strut" Venable, and the Busby boys, "Red" and "Black." M. M. Roberts played on the 1916 squad, while Clairborne Meador (1912), Frank Montague (1912), L. E. Gafford (1920-23), Fred "Coon" Leech (1921-24), Nollie Felts (1922-26), and D. C. Leech (1923-24) eventually found their way to the University of Southern Mississippi Sports Hall of Fame. Local support was generally dismal, as indicated by the cancellation of the 1923 game with Ole Miss.

Basketball started at MNC on an outdoor court behind Forrest County Hall. In those early days the black and gold played such powers as the D'Lo YMCA, the Richton All-Stars, Chamberlain-Hunt Academy, and the Bogalusa Gaylords. The school did not field a team in 1917 or 1918 because of the World War, and a flu epidemic wiped out the 1920 season. The 1921 squad traveled to the Gulf Coast for a game against the Gulfport Naval Training Center and found

themselves playing on a wooden ballroom floor for which they had no suitable footwear. Undaunted, the "teachers" simply smeared their feet with resin and played barefoot, though their heroic perseverance was no match for the "vacuum bottom sneakers" of the sailors who won 53-17. The lack of an indoor playing facility continued to plague the college until the Demonstration School gymnasium opened in 1934. As with football, however, the real problem was lack of community interest, which led to cancellation of the 1924 season. There was even less interest in other sports, which included tennis, track, and women's volleyball, softball, basketball, and indoor baseball.

In the early years, the biggest challenge for athletics was scheduling. The college took a major step toward solving its perennial scheduling problem by joining the Southern Intercollegiate Athletic Association (SIAA) in December 1930. Thereafter, only four-year colleges appeared on the schedule. The construction of Faulkner Field in 1932 was another major step, enhanced by the addition of lights two years later and a public address system in 1937. The following year, work began on a stadium dormitory financed by federal public works funds and college revenue bonds and completed in time for the 1939 football season. The Alumni Association established an athletic advisory council in 1929, and in 1937 several Hattiesburg civic leaders organized the "500" Club to promote STC athletics.

After nearly a century, baseball remains one of the most popular athletic programs at the University.

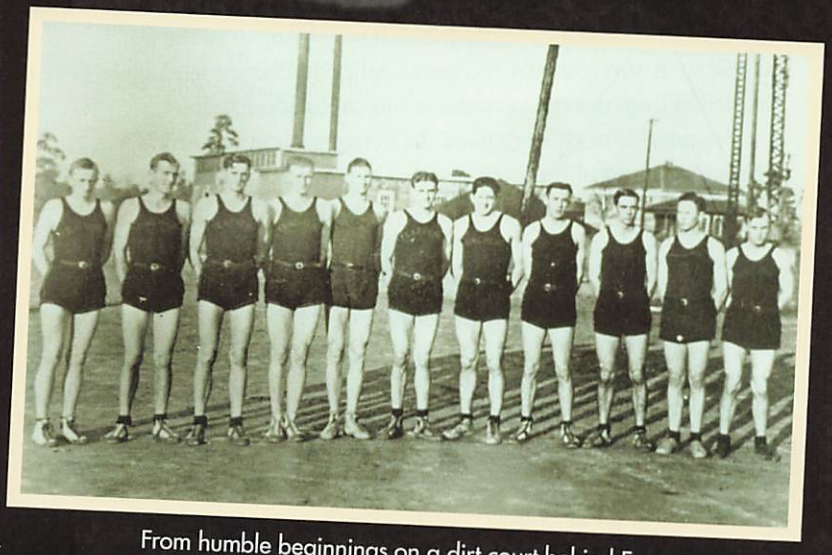


Constructed in 1939, The Rock (M.M. Roberts Stadium) has been home to the University's football team, fans and faithful for nearly 75 years.

ATHLETIC CONFERENCE AFFILIATE TIMELINE

- Southern Intercollegiate Athletic Association: 1930 – 1947
- Gulf States Conference: 1948 – 1952
- Independent Status: 1953 – 1982
- Metro Conference: 1982 – 1995
- Conference USA: 1995 – Present

Over the last century, the Department of Athletics has worked to become one of the premier athletic programs in the nation. Today, as a member of Conference USA, Southern Miss fields successful teams in 14 varsity athletic sports and is home to student athletes who are leaders on the field and in the classroom. Throughout the 2012-13 academic year, the University will be celebrating 100 years of athletics at Southern Miss.



From humble beginnings on a dirt court behind Forrest County Hall, the basketball program at Southern Miss has evolved into a successful program.

the End of an Era

DR. MARTHA SAUNDERS

By David Tisdale '90, '01

Dr. Martha Saunders returned to The University of Southern Mississippi in 2007 pledging to "build trust, build a team and build a campus." After five years of leading her alma mater as its ninth president, she returns to its faculty having done that and much more.

Saunders announced her resignation from the presidency in April 2012, and will join the faculty at Southern Miss Gulf Coast. There she will also serve as co-director, along with Southern Miss Gulf Coast Vice President and Campus Executive Officer Dr. Frances Lucas, of the new Evelyn Gandy Women's Leadership Institute. Dr. Aubrey Lucas, who previously served as the University's president for more than two decades, is currently serving as interim president.

"Some years ago, I attended a new presidents' academy, where I spent time listening to seasoned executives as they prepared my colleagues and me for what we might encounter in our new roles," Saunders said. "A member of the faculty told us when we come to the end of our time as presidents, if we have left our institutions a little bigger, a little richer and a little more beautiful, we would have done a good job. I believe I have, at least, done that for Southern Miss."

Saunders' departure from the Aubrey K. Lucas Administration Building brings to a close a chapter in the University's history during which numerous key measures of success trended in a significant, positive direction. At the time she took office, the University was still recovering from the devastation wrought only two years earlier by Hurricane Katrina, as well as from discord between faculty and administration.

Saunders quickly organized the University community through a series of listening sessions across south Mississippi, and together with stakeholders, encouraged a focus on four strategic areas—a Climate of Academic Success, a Culture of Healthy Minds, Bodies and Campuses, Image Development and Connection with the Community.

Today, enrollment and private giving to the University are growing at record clips; hundreds of millions of dollars in new construction and repairs are beautifying one campus in Hattiesburg and restoring and revitalizing a second in Long Beach, Mississippi, and Southern Miss students are succeeding at an unprecedented level.

Frances Lucas said Saunders' effect on the University was both immediate and lasting. "In every trajectory that mattered—student achievement, enrollment, fundraising, image development—we went upward and in a short period," Lucas said. "She's just amazing."

Lucas' praise has been unanimously echoed across the University over the months since Saunders announced her resignation. Hundreds upon hundreds of emails, letters and calls of support have reached the President's Office, while the University's Faculty Senate passed a resolution that praised Saunders for her commitment to faculty and staff, promotion of organizational and financial transparency, and support of academic freedom and shared governance.

University historian Dr. Chester "Bo" Morgan said Saunders took a fractured Southern Miss community and not only stabilized it, but brought it to the brink of the next level. "It's a shame she won't be here to take us across that brink," he said.

"I hold Dr. Saunders in the highest regard, and it is truly sad to see her go," said Dr. Andrew Wiest, professor of history and co-director, Center for the Study of War and Society. "She took over the helm of Southern Miss at a particularly difficult time in our history. Her work ethic, positive attitude and deft personal touch brought Southern Miss back even stronger than it was before. Morale rose, the student population surged, the campus grew and modernized, and both academics and athletics thrived during her tenure. You really can't ask more of a president. We are losing someone special."

Southern Miss Student Government Association President Jazmyne Butler added that Saunders "put students first."

"She's highly regarded and considered a positive, influential role model by so many people at the University," Butler said. "We're going to miss her leadership."

Southern Miss achievements during the Saunders era included the following:

- The University received increased national visibility, ranking among *U.S. News and World Report's* Top 20 Most Popular Universities in 2011, and earning Top Green Campus status from *The Princeton Review,* as well as a Carnegie Community Engagement Classification and a Tree Campus USA designation.
- Approximately $255 million was allocated for expansion and improvement of facilities, both for academics and athletics.
- Two historic restoration projects, two renovation projects and one new construction project, totaling $24.2 million, were initiated at the Gulf Park campus.

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DR. AUBREY LUCAS
INTERIM PRESIDENT

The University of Southern Mississippi's ninth President Dr. Martha Saunders

After five years of leading her alma mater, Dr. Saunders returns to its faculty.

- The University enjoyed record enrollment, highlighted by four straight years of record freshmen classes, the latest of which was the most academically able in Southern Miss history.
- Texas businessman Chuck Scianna's $6 million commitment to the Building Better Business Campaign was the largest ever by an alumnus, and was one of three commitments of $4 million or more to the USM Foundation in 2011-12.
- The University's role in economic and community development was exemplified through research partnerships with GE Aviation and Stion Corporation.
- Southern Miss students realized unprecedented academic success, highlighted by multiple Goldwater scholarship winners and Truman Scholar Marie Holowach, who became the first Southern Miss student to win the prestigious award.
- The University's College of Business entered the *U.S. News and World Report* rankings for the first time, effectively placing the college among the top 15 percent of business schools in the country.
- The University emerged from uncertain financial times leaner and stronger following an inclusive strategic budget planning process. In 2011, Saunders led the effort to appropriate a salary raise pool for faculty and staff, the first raises many faculty and staff members had received in years.
- A successful Centennial Celebration of 2010 earned the University the highest honor from the Public Relations Society of America, the Silver Anvil.
- Student volunteer hours reached nearly 50,000 annually.
- Campus leaders formulated a Climate Action Plan to achieve carbon neutrality for the Hattiesburg campus by 2040.
- The formation of the President's Oil Spill Response Team focused a team of University researchers and experts on examining the impact of the *Deepwater Horizon* disaster.
- Campus master plans were developed to ensure effective and sustainable use of the University's physical resources.
- President Saunders won the prestigious Stevie Award, a national honor that recognizes achievement of women in business, in 2011 and the Hub Award, which honors outstanding contributions to the Hattiesburg community, a commitment to excellence and a dedication to public service.
- The University continued its outstanding reputation as a haven for the arts, and its athletic programs achieved on and off the field—highlighted by three NCAA championships in women's track and field, a top 20 finish for the 2011 football team, a trip to the NCAA tournament for men's basketball, and a 2009 College World Series appearance by the baseball team.

Southern Miss Head Baseball Coach Scott Berry cited Saunders as the best school leader for whom he has worked, a leader who encourages student-athletes to be the best they can be in the classroom and on the field. "She holds high expectations, and as a coach, that's what you like," Berry said.

Saunders' expectations, for students, faculty and staff, and even her, will not cease, even though she is leaving the presidency.

"I will miss being president," Saunders said. "I will miss moving the puzzle pieces around to make scarce resources stretch toward big goals. I'll miss working with my team—a spirited group of professionals. Most of all, I'll miss getting up every day, coming to work in The Dome, and simply doing whatever needed doing.

"I am, though, looking forward to the next leg of the race. We have made progress, but this is not the finish line," Saunders said.

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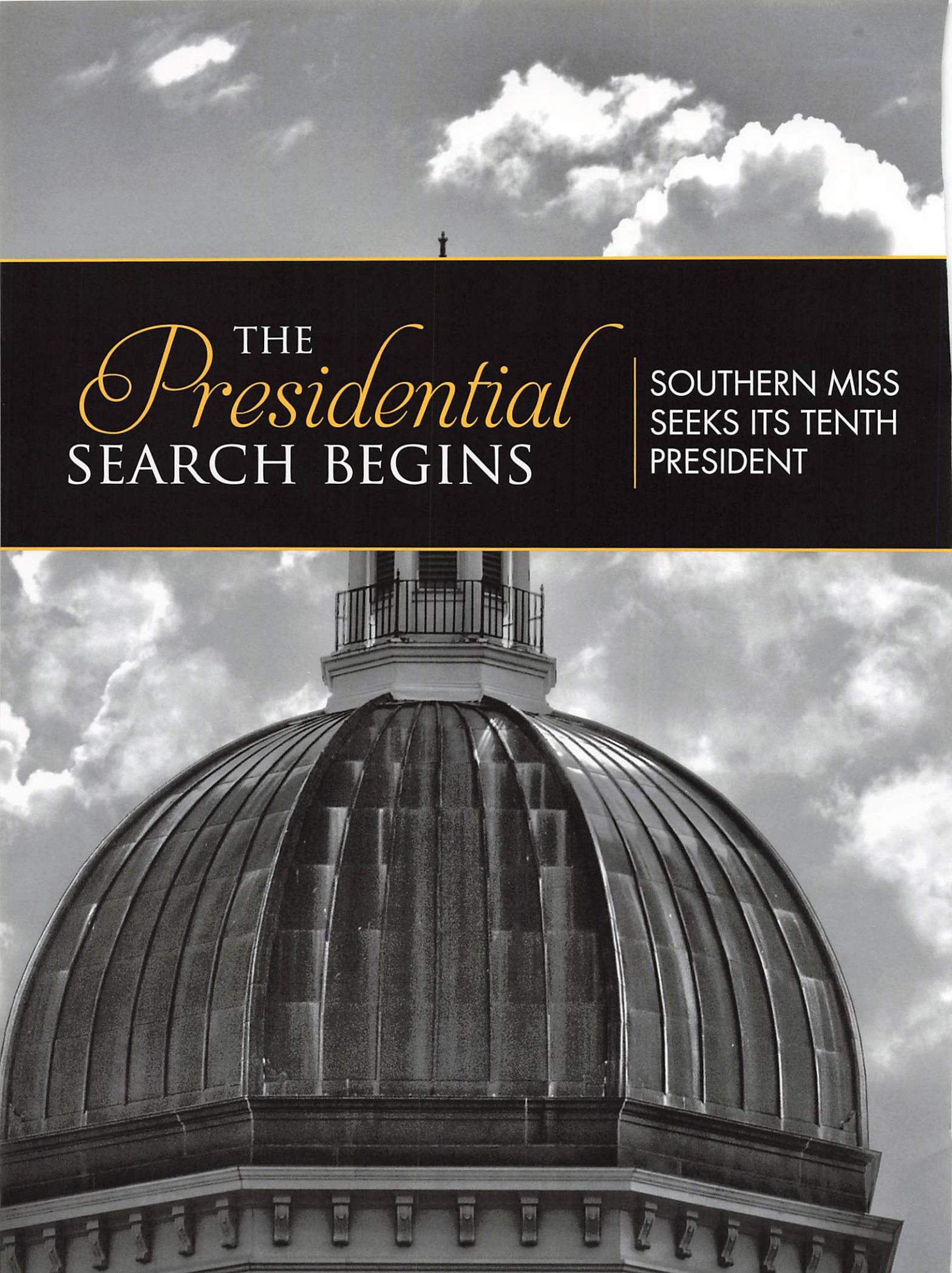

THE *Presidential* SEARCH BEGINS

SOUTHERN MISS SEEKS ITS TENTH PRESIDENT

The Board of Trustees of State Institutions of Higher Learning has adopted a 20-step process for the selection of the institutional executive officers of the eight public universities in the state. The process has evolved over time and is designed to find the best possible leader for that particular institution at that particular time in its history. While no two universities are exactly alike and no two searches exactly the same, the goal is always to find the best match between an individual's abilities, attributes and experiences and the university.

The search process begins with the president of the Board of Trustees appointing the Board Search Committee. Chaired by Trustee Robin Robinson, the Southern Miss Board Search Committee includes Trustees Dr. Ford Dye, Bob Owens, Christy Pickering and Aubrey Patterson.

A consulting firm specializing in university executive searches is selected. The responsibilities of the search firm include providing professional consulting services on the search process and the candidates involved in the search, placing national advertisements for the positions, assisting in national and international recruitment of candidates, accepting all applications and nominations for the positions, setting up

ALUMNI TEAM TO ASSIST IN PRESIDENTIAL TRANSITION

During the 2012-13 academic year, The University of Southern Mississippi will undergo a transition to a new president, a significant event in the history of our University. While it is the responsibility of the Institutions of Higher Learning Board of Trustees to perform the search for a new university president, it is the responsibility of alumni to monitor and contribute to the process as appropriate.

The Alumni Association Presidential Transition Team was created for the purpose of assisting in any possible way with the search. Under the leadership of co-chairs Rosemary Aultman and Rex Kelly, the team has implemented a plan to provide feedback to the IHL regarding the key skills and abilities needed for success in our next president and to play a significant role in the transition of leadership once the new president is selected.

"This selection process is important, and the Presidential Transition Team will enhance the effectiveness of the process," said Kelly. "The information gathered allows us a very credible view of the issues we face as a University and the priority placed upon issues by those most interested in Southern Miss."

The team will gather information through interviews with Interim President Aubrey Lucas, former President Shelby Thames, faculty, staff, student representatives, alumni and others who have a vested interest in Southern Miss. The information provided by the groups will be instrumental in allowing the team to better define the current issues facing the University and assist with developing a Preferred Presidential Profile detailing the skills and attributes most desirable in a new president. The Preferred Presidential Profile will be provided to the IHL Search Committee and communicated to University constituents through communication channels of the Association.

Once a new president has been named by the IHL, the team will work with the new president to ensure a smooth transition by providing a consistent and credible process by which issues can be made known and addressed.

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a secure, password-protected online system for the trustees and members of the Campus Search Advisory Committee to review applications, accepting recommendations from the Campus Search Advisory Committee and providing them to the Board of Trustees, conducting background checks on finalists for the position, and facilitating candidate travel for interviews and the preferred candidate visit.

Nominations, including self-nominations, are made for the Campus Search Advisory Committee (CSAC), which represents a cross-section of the campus community and includes individuals from all stakeholder groups, including faculty, staff, students, alumni and the community. Selected by the Southern Miss Board Search Committee chair, the members of the Campus Search Advisory Committee individually review all applications for the position. Each CSAC member recommends at least five individuals to the Board to be interviewed.

Listening sessions held on both the Hattiesburg campus and at Southern Miss Gulf Coast provide the opportunity for all members of the Southern Miss family to participate in the search process. Board Search Committee members visit campus to hear from all stakeholder groups, including faculty, staff, students, alumni and the community. Those who cannot attend in person can submit comments through an online form provided on the University's website at www.usm.edu. Minutes from the listening sessions are taken and posted online.

The Campus Search Advisory Committee also self-selects a representative group to serve on the Interview Search Advisory Committee (ISAC). The ISAC members participate in the interview process alongside the Board of Trustees. Following the first round of interviews, the pool of candidates is narrowed for the second round of interviews. The Board of Trustees' policy allows for a third round of interviews to be held if necessary. Background checks are conducted by the search firm, and the results are provided to the Board.

If an individual rises above the others and possesses the qualities and experience that the Board feels is the right leader to lead The University of Southern Mississippi at this time in its history, the Board will name the individual as the preferred candidate. However, before making a final decision, the candidate will visit the campus to meet with all stakeholder groups, including faculty, staff, students, alumni and the community. After brief opening remarks, the floor will be opened to the audience to ask questions or make comments. This gives the campus community the opportunity to get to know the candidate and get a sense of his or her leadership style.

Evaluation forms are provided to each attendee. The results of the evaluation, including comments made on the forms, are provided to the Board before a decision is made. At the end of the visit, the Board will meet to determine if the candidate will be named president or if the search will continue. A press conference will be held at the conclusion of the meeting to announce the decision made.

SERVING THOSE WHO SERVE US

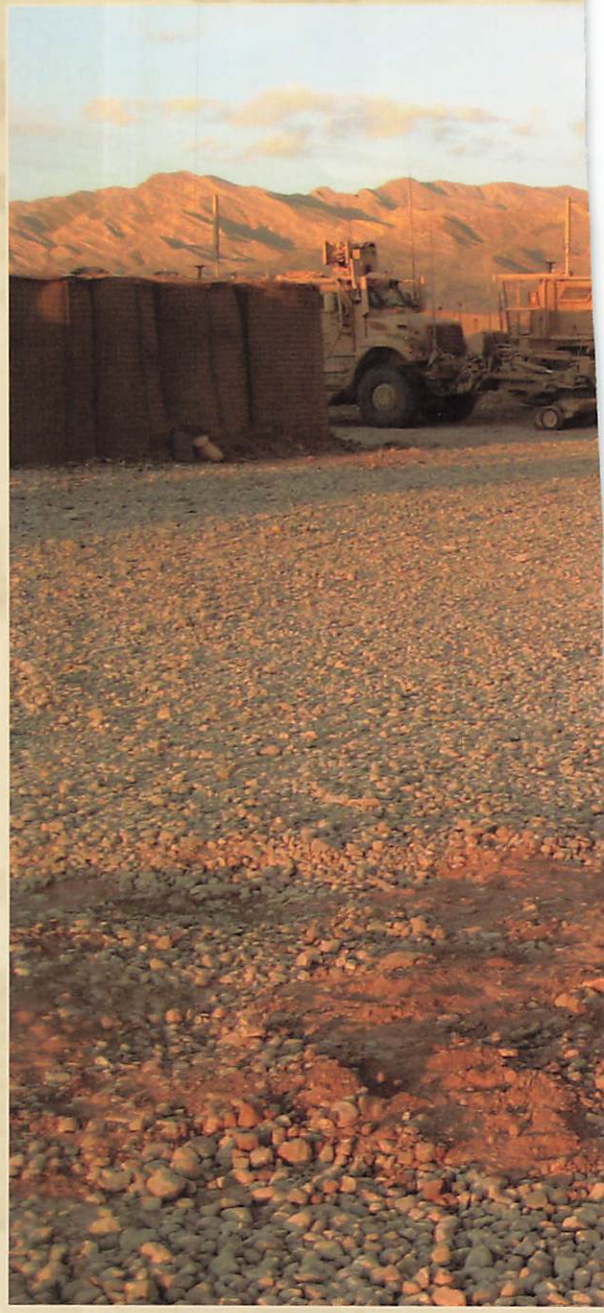
By Zachary Knight '12

The University of Southern Mississippi has the pleasure of having Golden Eagles in almost every part of the world. Some of those Eagles wake up each morning and have the opportunity to help those who are wounded in service to our great nation. Rachel Odom '07 does just that, serving as a physical therapist for the United States Army.

Odom was certain from a young age that she had aspirations of being a physical therapist. Following a devastating car crash, her grandmother received frequent in-home visits from a therapist, where Odom would watch and observe treatments and methods. As a result of this experience, her academic interests always drew her to helping others. Her decision to enroll at Southern Miss was an obvious one, as both of her parents and brother were graduates of the University. She remembers vividly attending football games, music competitions and other campus events. The opportunity she was given to sing the National Anthem with her sorority sisters during a Golden Eagle football game against Texas Christian University in 2004, will always be one of her fondest memories.

Despite enrolling at Southern Miss as a vocal performance major, her direction soon changed to exercise science with the intention of completing a pre-physical therapy program. After discussions with her family, she applied to participate in the Army-Baylor Physical Therapy Program, as a way to both serve her country and fulfill her dreams. Although it was one of the most difficult decisions she had ever made in her life, when she was accepted into the program, she knew it would be one of the most rewarding choices.

Now, Odom has a vastly different life than what she experienced in Hattiesburg. Currently deployed in Afghanistan, she says that every day is uncertain and unexpected, and "remaining flexible, alert and focused is so very important." While each day is different, Odom typically works in the Combat Support Hospital, treating up to 16 patients a day and traveling up to four days per week to combat outposts. She works with patients who are injured enough to necessitate rehabilitation but are not critically wounded on the level that requires external transport or higher levels of care. While the treatment plans are different, she cites her chance to help as one of the



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Odom, a physical therapist for the United States Army, on mission at combat outpost Rahmen Kheyl in Eastern Afghanistan

Odom examines a patient while instructing the combat medic who is observing on mission to combat outpost Zormat, Afghanistan.

most fulfilling parts of her job. One example in particular she recalls is of a helicopter mechanic who was rendered unable to complete his job because of knee pain. However, through her treatment plans, he has since returned to service and even runs and exercises regularly.

After having such a positive experience, Rachel truly believes that the key to success for those interested in a career in physical therapy, or any profession for that matter, is to approach schoolwork, life and a career with an attitude of humility. "Consider everyone your teacher," said Rachel. "Humility serves you well when failures come, and they will come. You will be much better prepared to learn from them, and you will be much wiser as a result. Do not be surprised when you disappoint yourself or someone else. Learn from it, and then move on."

Mary Margaret Halford

a Family AFFAIR

By Jenny Boudreaux '08

During Mary Margaret Halford's senior year of high school, her uncle, George Halford, who had been battling cancer, passed away. The two had always shared a special bond, and prior to his passing, he offered Halford a few words of advice. He said, "Mary Maragaret, when you go to Southern Miss, have a good time, be yourself, work hard, but you ultimately have to find something that makes you happy."

Even though this uncle-niece relationship often involved lighthearted banter about which family member of the two was the smartest, George often joked saying, "It's not like you'll be editor of *The Student Printz* like I was." Halford, who began her college career with zero interest in journalism, now finds herself entering her senior year and returning for the second year in a row as editor of the award-winning Southern Miss newspaper, *The Student Printz*.

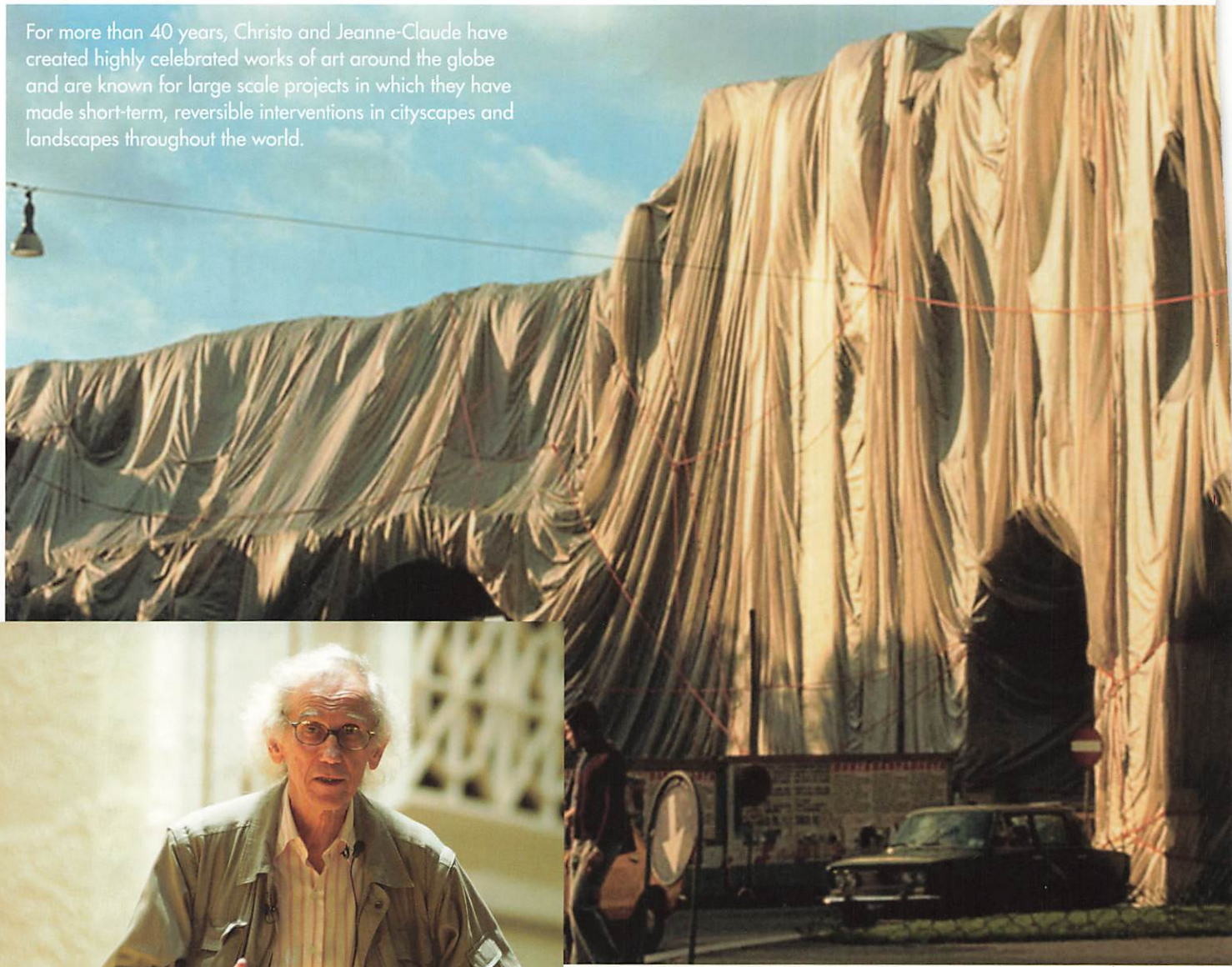
Upon entering Southern Miss, Halford, like many students, flip-flopped between majors. At the conclusion of her freshman year, the then-editor of *The Printz* presented to her class, explaining that students could be paid to write stories for the paper. With a "that-sounds-easy-enough" mindset, Halford started writing stories for the paper her sophomore year and began an internship for her hometown newspaper, *The Vicksburg Post,* during the Christmas holidays.

With much encouragement from the previous editor, as well as her internship family, Halford applied for *The Printz* executive director position. Thinking this interview would be a great experience and nothing more, Halford applied for the position to get an understanding of the hiring process for when she interviewed her senior year. When, according to Halford, "she would actually have a shot."

To Halford's surprise, she was given the position. As any newspaper editor can attest, when she leaves the office Monday and Wednesday nights for Tuesday and Thursday paper distribution, her mind rattles and races with tedious thoughts on the content each paper contains. Were all the headlines spelled correctly? Were there any spacing issues? "You do the best you can, and you can't do any better than that," explained Halford. "That's hard, and you're always nervous when something big happens. You're nervous about whether or not you're going to be able to cover certain stories well, but at the same time, big stuff is good for newspapers."

Covering stories well is an understatement of Halford and her staff's abilities. This past March, *The Printz* won nine first-place awards, including General Excellence for best college newspaper in the state at the Mississippi Press Association Awards banquet. "I was having to go up and accept the awards, and I didn't have time to get back to my seat before I had to go up again," said Halford. "That was probably my most proud moment because we weren't expecting it at all. I knew we did well last year, but it was really nice to be recognized by professionals who know what they are looking for. The staff works extremely hard. I didn't have anyone ever turn me down for a story, and everybody gave 100%."

Halford will graduate in May, and although she is a little undecided about where her path will lead after graduation, she is certain that her time at *The Printz* has been a very enlightening journey. "If nothing else, the past two years have taught me that I feel like this is what I'm good at, and I know for sure this is what makes me happy."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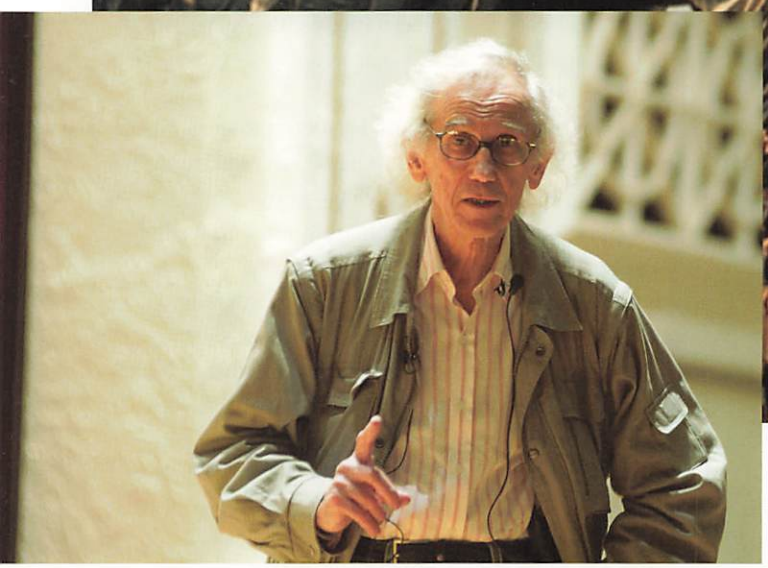


Left: Internationally acclaimed artist Christo presented the lecture Christo and Jeanne-Claude, Two Works in Progress: Over the River, Project for the Arkansas River, Colorado and The Mastaba, Project for the United Arab Emirates at The University of Southern Mississippi's Hattiesburg campus.

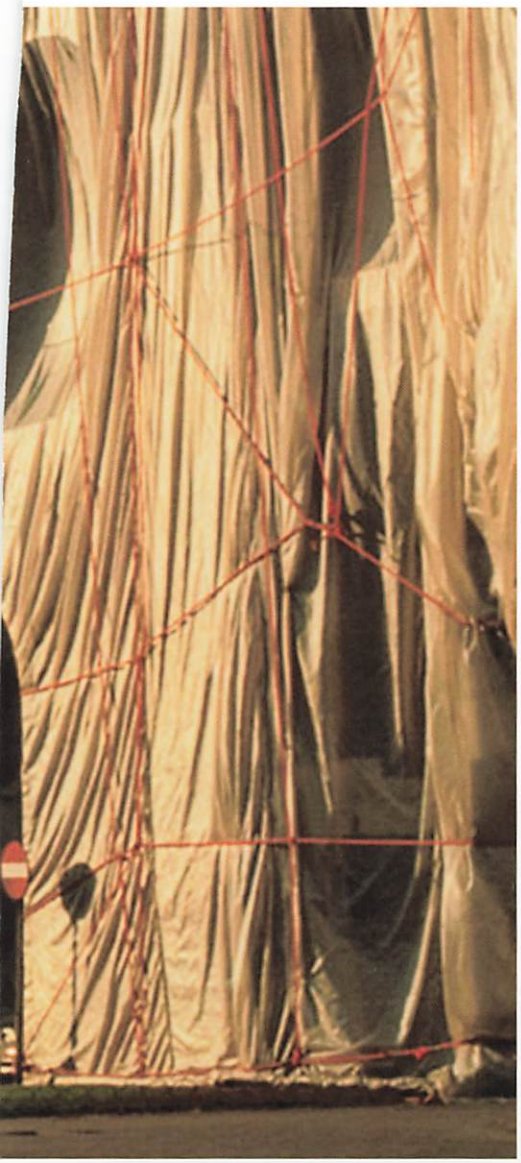
International Artist Christo Visits Southern Miss

Internationally acclaimed artist Christo visited The University of Southern Mississippi's Hattiesburg campus Sept. 5 to present the lecture, "Christo and Jeanne-Claude, Two Works in Progress: *Over the River, Project for the Arkansas River, Colorado,* and *The Mastaba, Project for the United Arab Emirates.*"

"This was an opportunity to meet an internationally acclaimed artist, who has created his highly recognized work around the world for over half a century," said John House, chairman of the Southern Miss Department of Art and Design.

Christo's presentation also kicked off the Southern Miss Honors College's fall University Forum, sponsored by the University's College of Arts and Letters. "We were pleased to have such a talented artist as Christo as our first presenter for the fall 2012 University Forum," said Dr. David R. Davies, dean of the Honors College. "His visit to campus was much anticipated."

For more than 40 years, Christo and Jeanne-Claude have created highly celebrated works of art around the globe. They are known for large-scale projects in which they have made short-term, reversible interventions in cityscapes and landscapes throughout the world. One of their most recent projects, *The Gates, Central Park, New York City, 1979-2005,*



drew millions of visitors to Manhattan's Central Park during the 16 days of the project's installation.

Jeanne-Claude passed away in November 2009, but Christo continues with their work on *Over The River* and *The Mastaba*, as well as other projects. Christo and Jeanne-Claude have never accepted any subsidies, royalties, grants or sponsorships. They fund all of their temporary public works, and Christo derives the artists' income from the sale of original works of art to museums, galleries and private collectors.

For more information about the work of Christo and Jeanne-Claude, visit christojeanneclaude.net.

ARTS AND LETTERS UPCOMING PRODUCTIONS

Please see below a few of the productions the College of Arts and Letters has in-store for the fall semester through the end of November. For ticket information, visit SouthernMissTickets.com or call 601.266.5418 or 800.844.8425.

OCTOBER

4, 5, 16 – 19 *The Firebugs* by Max Frisch, translated by Mordecai Gorelik
7:30 pm | Tatum Theatre, Southern Miss Theatre and Dance Building

4 *SilverSeason Opening Night*
Nadja Salerno-Sonnenberg with the Symphony Orchestra | 7:30 p.m.
Bennett Auditorium | $20, $30, or $40

7, 21 *The Firebugs* by Max Frisch, translated by Mordecai Gorelik
2 p.m. | Tatum Theatre, Southern Miss Theatre and Dance Building

9 Wind Ensemble
Featuring the new Director of Bands Dr. Catherine Rand | 7:30 p.m.
Bennett Auditorium | Admission is free

16, 19 *A Night at the Opera*
Die Fledermaus | 7:30 p.m.
Parkway Heights United Methodist Church
$20 General Admission

24 Miro Quartet
7:30 p.m. | Marsh Auditorium
Admission is free

26, 27, 31 *Lysistrata* by Aristophanes, translated by Angela Ball and Kim Herzinger Studio Project
7:30 p.m. | Hartwig Theatre, Southern Miss Theatre and Dance Building

28 *Lysistrata* by Aristophanes, translated by Angela Ball and Kim Herzinger Studio Project
2 p.m. | Hartwig Theatre, Southern Miss Theatre and Dance Building

28 – 31 Chicago Dance Artists' Series: Margi Cole, Artistic Director and Founder of The Dance Collective
Open discussion, Oct. 29, 11 a.m.
Performance, Oct. 29, 4 p.m.
Theatre and Dance Building
Admission is free

30 The Southern Chorale
7:30 p.m. | Parkway Heights United Methodist Church | Admission is free

NOVEMBER

1, 2 *Lysistrata* by Aristophanes, translated by Angela Ball and Kim Herzinger Studio Project
7:30 p.m. | Hartwig Theatre, Southern Miss Theatre and Dance Building

1 Musica Classica
7:30 p.m. | Bennett Auditorium
$14, $16 or $18

4 Guest Artist Series presents Svetlana Belsky
"The Centennial of the Rite of Spring: Russian and Soviet Ballet Transcriptions" | 2 p.m.
Marsh Auditorium | Admission is free

13 Jazz Lab 1
7:30 p.m. | Bennett Auditorium
Admission is free

15, 16, 28 - 30 *The School for Scandal* by Richard Brinsley Sheridan
7:30 p.m. | Tatum Theatre, Southern Miss Theatre and Dance Building

18 *The School for Scandal* by Richard Brinsley Sheridan
2 p.m. | Tatum Theatre, Southern Miss Theatre and Dance Building

27 Wind Ensemble
7:30 p.m. | Bennett Auditorium
Admission is free

Southern Miss to Hold 100 Years Athletics Gala on Nov. 2 at Convention Center

100 YEARS OF ATHLETICS
SOUTHERN MISS

As part of the "100 Years of Championships and Commencements" celebration, Southern Miss will hold the 100 Years Gala on Friday, Nov. 2, at the Lake Terrace Convention Center in Hattiesburg.

The event will begin at 6 p.m. with a social hour and continue until 10 p.m. The highlights of this once-in-a-lifetime event are a reception, dinner, a silent auction and roundtable discussion with the "Voice of the Golden Eagles," John Cox, along with several Golden Eagle legends. Also the Athletics department will unveil the top five moments in Southern Miss football history via a short video presentation highlighting each milestone and event.

"We wanted to put together a special event in conjunction with our 100-year celebration, and we are looking forward to this special night that will encompass the first 100 years of Southern Miss," said Director of Athletics Jeff Hammond. "We are looking forward to having many of our living legends return, and it should be a great night for Golden Eagle fans before our game against UAB the following day."

The price of the gala is $200 per couple, $150 for an individual and $2,000 for a reserved table of eight.

For more information and to purchase tickets, call the Eagle Club at 601.266.5299. Seating is limited, and tickets will be sold on a first-come, first-served basis.

2012 REMAINING FOOTBALL SCHEDULE

Oct. 6	BOISE STATE	11a.m.

The 1962 National Championship football team will host a 50-year reunion on October 5 and 6, 2012. For more information, call Larry Hancock at 601.744.0025.

Oct. 13	at UCF	7p.m.
Oct. 20	MARSHALL*	6p.m.
Oct. 27	at Rice	Noon
Nov. 3	UAB	6:30p.m.
Nov. 10	at SMU	TBA
Nov. 17	UTEP	7p.m.
Nov. 24	at Memphis	3:30p.m.

*Homecoming

MEN'S BASKETBALL 2012-13 HOME SCHEDULE

Nov. 1	St. Catharine's College
Nov. 6	Univ. of Charleston
Nov. 10	Western Kentucky
Nov. 27	Denver
Dec. 15	Grambling State
Dec. 31	William Carey
Jan. 3	Dillard
Jan. 12	* Houston
Jan. 19	* UAB
Jan. 23	* Marshall
Feb. 9	* Memphis
Feb. 13	* Tulane
Feb. 20	* UTEP
March 2	* East Carolina
March 9	* UCF

*Conference USA Game

Jim and Thomas Duff Make Significant Financial Contribution

The Southern Miss Department of Athletics announced August 16, 2012, that local businessmen Jim and Thomas Duff had made a significant financial contribution and will have the school's Athletic Center named in their honor.

The building, which will now be called the Jim and Thomas Duff Athletic Center in recognition of the second largest gift ever given to the Southern Miss Athletics department, was opened in the fall of 2002 and has been simply called the Athletic Center until now.

The Jim and Thomas Duff Athletic Center is located on the north end of Carlisle-Faulkner Field at M.M. Roberts Stadium and houses the football staff, players and support staff, as well as the Golden Eagles' administrative offices and some of the school's coaching staffs.

"We are pleased to be able to contribute to The University of Southern Mississippi and to help the University build its Athletics program," said Jim and Thomas Duff in a joint statement. "We love Southern Miss and have always supported the University and its key role in the growth and development of our state."

"We are very appreciative of the efforts of Richard Giannini, former athletic director, as he led the Athletics department with integrity and vision to new heights. We are excited about the future of Southern Miss athletics under the outstanding leadership of Jeff Hammond. Southern Miss is an outstanding University with a proud athletic heritage, and we are honored to be a part of it."

Jim and Thomas Duff own five businesses, four are included in the top 100 largest private businesses in Mississippi: Southern Tire Mart, LLC; KLLM Transport Services, LLC; Forest Products Transports, LLC; T.L. Wallace Construction, LLC; and Pine Belt Ford, LLC. The companies employ 3,800 people, with revenues more than $1.3 billion and are all headquartered in the state of Mississippi.

Thomas Duff is a graduate of Southern Miss with a College of Business degree in banking and finance.

"The Southern Miss Athletics department is grateful to Jim and Thomas Duff for making a difference in the lives of so many student-athletes at The University of Southern Mississippi with this gift," said Hammond. "These humble, caring and generous men have been tremendous supporters of the University and Athletics department over the years, and this gift reaffirms their commitment to advancing Southern Miss athletics. This gift sets us up for a great start to the next 100 years of athletics at Southern Miss, and allows us to be so thankful to our many dedicated donors like Jim and Thomas, who have helped take Southern Miss athletics to the top."

The Duffs have also agreed to provide a semi-truck, trailer and drivers, courtesy of KLLM, to transport the Golden Eagles football equipment to all road games starting in the 2013 season.

2012 REMAINING VOLLEYBALL HOME SCHEDULE

Oct. 5	*Tulsa
Oct. 7	*SMU
Oct. 21	*UCD
Oct. 26	*Marshall
Oct. 28	*East Carolina
Nov. 9	*Memphis
Nov. 11	*UAB

ALUMNI WEEKEND

The Southern Miss Volleyball team is welcoming back all volleyball alumni to be honored at these two matches!

Also featured will be an alumni volleyball match on Saturday, Oct. 6 prior to the Golden Eagle football game against Boise State. For more information, please contact Kyle George at 601.266.6551.

*Conference Event

Southern Miss Names Chad Foote Eagle Club Executive Director

Chad Foote

Southern Miss Director of Athletics Jeff Hammond has announced the hiring of Chad Foote as executive director of the Eagle Club.

Foote, who has been on the Golden Eagle staff first as a graduate assistant and then in an assistant director role since 2009, replaced Dick Vogel, who retired from the University this summer.

"After conducting an extensive search for the right person on our managerial team, we felt Chad was that individual to fill that void which was opened when Dick Vogel retired," said Hammond. "In his time here, Chad has demonstrated the character, ethics and drive to make a difference in this critical position on our staff."

"I want to thank General Hammond and the Eagle Club staff for their support and this opportunity," said Foote. "I am excited to take on the challenge of increasing Eagle Club membership, and I look forward to working with the Southern Miss family."

During his time as assistant director, Foote developed relationships with current and potential donors and helped increase Eagle Club memberships with businesses and alumni in the Hattiesburg area.

Among other tasks, Foote oversaw the Recent Graduate Program, promoting the Eagle Club to those individuals who matriculated from Southern Miss within three years, as well as created and developed the Student Eagle Club.

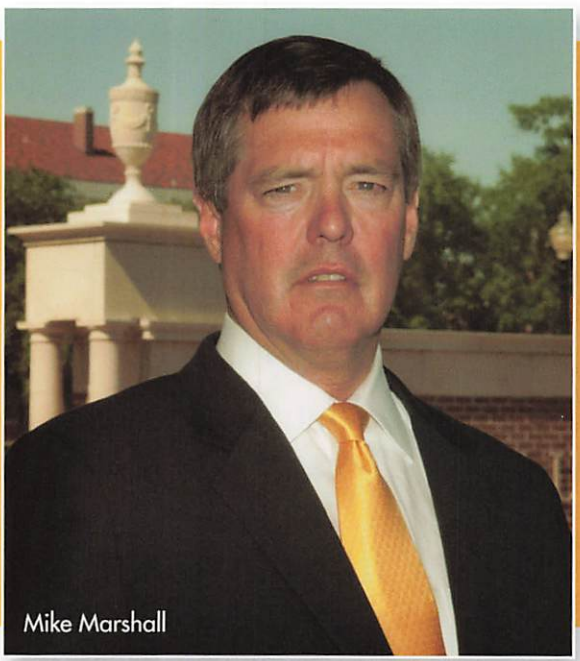
Foote, a native of Hattiesburg, is a 2006 graduate of Utah State, where he received his Bachelor of Science in economics. His post-graduate degrees include a Juris Doctorate from S.J. Quinney College of Law at the University of Utah in 2009 and a Master of Science in Sports Management from Southern Miss in 2010.

Foote and his wife, Colleen, have two daughters, Sadie and Alyssa.

Eagle Club Donor Highlight

Mike Marshall graduated from The University of Southern Mississippi in 1982. His parents Earl and Bobbie Marshall and brothers Mickey and Bob are all alumni of Southern Miss.

Mike recalls attending football games in the late seventies and early eighties as Coach Bobby Collins' teams dominated instate rivals. Thirty years after his graduation, his best friends are former classmates and Sigma Alpha Epsilon fraternity brothers. His position with Morgan Stanley has allowed him to give back to the University by fully funding a scholarship through the Eagle Club.



Mike Marshall

Greek Life Students at Southern Miss Show Academic Improvement

At The University of Southern Mississippi, members of Greek Life are known for playing hard and working harder. Now, all that work is starting to pay off in the form of amazing academic achievement.

Joshua Schutts, assistant dean of students at Southern Miss, notes that the average grade point average for all Greek students currently sits at 3.07—the highest number school officials can recall since at least the 1990s. As the 2012 fall semester gets underway, the average GPA for a fraternity male is 2.82, while the same score for a sorority female is 3.19. "I think morale and motivation is contagious and spreads across the community when momentum is going in a positive direction," said Schutts. "These students believe we can be excellent. They believe their organizations can get better, and they realize they play the integral role in those choices."

University of Southern Mississippi senior Keenan Dollar serves as president of the Interfraternity Council.

Today, approximately 1,600 students comprise the Greek Life population, which represents about 16 percent of the total enrollment at Southern Miss. Schutts points out that Greek Life has experienced an average growth of approximately six percent annually since 2008.

There are currently 25 inter/national fraternities on campus that are governed by three student boards. These organizations include the Interfraternity Council (IFC), which features 10 fraternities; the College Panhellenic Council (CPC), which features seven sororities; and the National Pan-Hellenic Council (NPHC), which features eight historically African-American fraternities.

Since its debut in 1978, the wildly popular movie *Animal House* has fueled the image of college fraternities and sororities as hotbeds for partying and anti-establishment behavior. However, Southern Miss IFC President Keenan Dollar said that changing attitudes among Greek Life students has altered that perception.

"Fraternity men and sorority women for the most part see the larger picture and know that if they do not make good grades, the job they want in the future may not be available to them," said Dollar, a senior public relations major from Wilmer, Ala.

The three Greek Life councils on campus use self-governance in the application of discipline regarding students' grades and conduct. But the monitoring does not stop there.

"In 2010 we changed the academic policy to include accountability at the chapter level, as well as the individual level," said Schutts. "Every student who fails to attain a 2.0 GPA meets with Greek Life staff to talk about their challenges and personalize an individual academic plan. On average, our office will meet with 200 students during the first month of school."

Schutts notes that everyone associated with Greek Life at Southern Miss has pushed a recurring theme—known as the Big 3—leading up to the new academic year. The average Greek student

- makes a 3.0 term GPA,
- gives 20 hours of service to the community, and
- raises at least $175 for local and national charities.

"We are immensely pleased with the academic performance of our students in sororities and fraternities," said Dr. Joe Paul, vice president for Student Affairs at Southern Miss. "In addition to supporting academic excellence, our Greek organizations give opportunities for leadership development, community service and help their members develop a life-long affinity for Southern Miss."

As the temperature falls, be sure to wrap yourself in the warmest black and gold. And when you brave the conditions in your Southern Miss gear, be sure to let us know. Send photos* of yourself, your family and friends, and we will print as many as space allows in a future edition of Snapshots.

Above: A group of nearly 25 Southern Miss alumni gathered in our nation's capitol to celebrate "Mississippi on the Mall," and made it clear that Southern Miss is visible on not only a local scale, but nationally.

Top Right: Dr. Jeff Spurlock received his Ph.D. in Mass Communication at Southern Miss in 2005 and recently returned home from England. Spurlock in May 2012 at the Tower of London.

Bottom Right: John Myhres '92 with singer Kelly Clarkson on February 14, 2012, at the Hard Rock Casino in Biloxi.

Below: The McIlwains vacationing at Fort Walton Beach: (pictured back row) Madison; (front row) Audrey, Ainsley, Carolyn, Anniston and Chas. Madison, Chas and Ainsley: children of Benjamin McIlwain '99 and Michelle George McIlwain; Anniston, Audrey and Carolyn: children of Nicholas McIlwain '01 and Melissa Coone McIlwain '04; and grandchildren of Ben McIlwain '73 and Lana Boyd McIlwain '93.

Above: Southern Miss alumnae Mandy Roberts in front of the Dead Sea banks of Isreal representing our University. Mandy was visiting with her church choir on a tour of Israel and Palestine.

Top Left: Randy and Leigh Breal '95 of Mobile, Ala., with their children Parker and Hayden in Aspen, Colo., on a trip to visit their grandparents, Bill '68 and Penne Ward.

Middle Left: Southern Miss graduates of 1971, Anna Cullefer Ferry, Janie Boring Green and Lynda Garner Lightsey went on a three-week vacation in Paris and Italy in May of 2012 to celebrate their long friendship. This picture was taken in St. Mark's square in Venice, Italy.

Bottom Left: The Craven family takes Southern Miss To The Top in Germany! Scott '87 and Lisa Craven with Sydney and Andrew.

Below: Five Southern Miss alumni traveled to Spain in June 2012 with stops in Sevilla, Madrid and Barcelona. They are photographed after sailing the Mediterranean to the Marfil Winery in the fishing village of Alella. From left to right: Jason Sick '04, Philip Bernard '04, Vanessa Swaim Joffe '04, Justin Marciani '04 and Lucy Langenbeck Marciani '03.

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1950s

W.H. PETTEY '56 is proud to announce the third generation of his family to not only attend Southern Miss but also to perform in the University band.

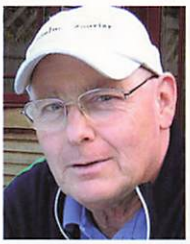
REV. THOMAS CUPIT '57 announced that he and Edna Cupit celebrated 65 years of marriage on May 25, 2012.

WILLIE JEAN "TEENIE" COATS '59 of Petal, was inducted into the Mississippi Association of Coaches Hall of Fame in June of 2012. Coats played on the 1958 Southern Miss football team and played a single season of Minor League Baseball in 1959.

1960s

SYLVIA BARNETT '63 has retired from a long and illustrious career as a schoolteacher.

JOHN C. WICK III '63 while continuing to enjoy retirement, has successfully completed both the third and fourth degrees of the Knights of Columbus. Wick was also elected to serve as a member of the Board of Directors for the Varnado Store Museum in Franklinton, La.



CHARLES "CHUCK" KERSHNER '65 is a 2007 inductee of the Southern Miss Mass Communication and Journalism Hall of Fame and a member of the Mass Communication and Journalism Board of Advisers. He is the executive editor emeritus, president and owner of the 166-year-old *Clinton Courier* (NY), a nationally recognized, award-winning weekly newspaper.

1970s

LEIGHTON '70 and **KAREN MILLER '70** welcomed their first granddaughter, Lily Grace, on January 26, 2012, to parents **CHRIS '98, '99** and **SARA MILLER '99**. Lily was welcomed by big brother Joshua.

JAMES M. ANDERSON '71 of Ridgeland, has been named 2012 Lawyer of the Year by the Mississippi College School of Law for outstanding lifetime achievement in the legal community. He was also named Lawyer of the Year for 2012 by the *Best's Lawyers in America* in the field of workers' compensation law for employers in the Jackson Metropolitan area.

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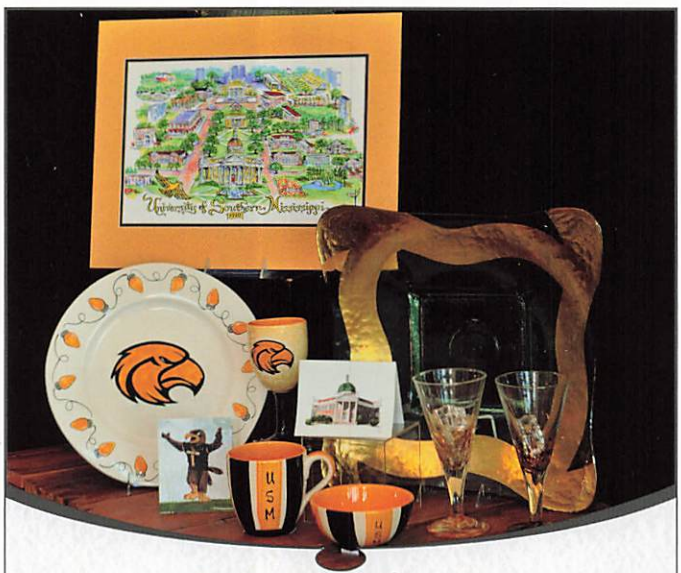

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DONALD KING '73 has continued his service to the Richard Nixon Library and Birthplace as a docent and special tours guide.

TIMOTHY PHILLIPS '73, '75 of Texas was recognized by Texas A&M University as a University Distinguished Professor. Phillips is a professor of veterinary integrative biosciences in the College of Veterinary Medicine and Biomedical Sciences and a Texas AgriLife Senior Faculty Fellow, who holds the Chester Reed Endowed Chair in Toxicology. He earned a B.S. from Mississippi State University and an M.S. and Ph.D. from The University of Southern Mississippi.

CAROL ANN CRAPPS DRANE '74 of Mendenhall was appointed as the new student support services coordinator at Simpson County Technical Center, also in Mendenhall.

SUSAN SIMMONS FREEMAN '76 and her husband happily announce the arrival of their first children, twins Darby "Tripp" James Freeman III and Torrie Leigh Freeman.

WILLARD GARRETT '76, '77 of Florence, was recognized by Agriculture Secretary Tom Vilsack on June 4 for his service as an agricultural advisor in Kunar Province, Afghanistan, from 2011 to 2012. Willard received a Bachelor of Science and a Master of Business Administration from The University of Southern Mississippi.

DR. TOM PEARSON '76, '78 of Palm Beach, Fla., received the "National School Board of the Year Award for Arts Education." Dr. Pearson is the K-12 arts education administrator for the school district, where he has spent eight years developing the curriculum recognized by the award.

DR. JANET WILLIAMS '77, '94, R.N., Ph.D., dean of the William Carey University School of Nursing, was recently elected by her peers to serve as vice chair for the Mississippi Institution of Higher Learning Deans and Directors Committee for the Schools of Nursing throughout the state. She received a B.S. in nursing from The University of Southern Mississippi.

William "Bud" Kirkpatrick '58

For Southern Miss, showcasing the achievements of alumni has always been a priority, and for more than 40 years, William "Bud" Kirkpatrick '58 has helped the University do just that. From serving as the director of the University Union and Student Activities to his position as the director of public relations, Kirkpatrick has used his talents to further the goals and development of the University. While serving as director of Public Relations, he helped form several programs that still exist as degree-awarding programs today.

Kirkpatrick is also very involved in the local community. Historically, he founded the Great Pine Belt Exposition, which furthered the development of the local community. His program was later incorporated into the Area Development Partnership, where it continues to serve the needs of the greater Hattiesburg area. He has also founded the Pine Belt chapter of the Public Relations Association of Mississippi and the Great Pine Belt Exposition. Kirkpatrick was also instrumental in securing Hattiesburg as a pre-Olympic Training Site in 1996, and in developing the Southern Miss Athletic Department's famed "Eagle Fever" campaign of the early 1980s. He is an inaugural member of the University's Centennial Legacy Circle and served on its Centennial Celebration planning committee during Southern Miss' 100th anniversary.

In addition to all of these great accomplishments, Kirkpatrick was inducted into the Southern Miss Alumni Hall of Fame in 1995. He continues to remain active in the community, where he serves as a volunteer for the Historic Hattiesburg Downtown Association.

Among Kirkpatrick's other professional honors are the Edward L. Bernays Best of Show from the Hospitality Sales and Marketing Association; the Innovation Award from the College Public Relations Association of Mississippi; and Hattiesburg Tourism Volunteer of the Year.

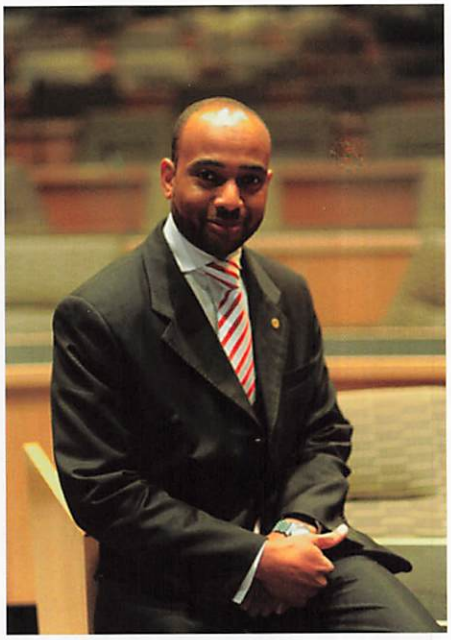
Most recently Kirkpatrick was inducted into the Southern Public Relations Hall of Fame. "This award is so special to me and my family," Kirkpatrick said. "I thank my colleagues in PRAM Pine Belt for recommending me, and the members of my staff over the years, for making this award possible. I also thank God for his part in my life, as all glory goes to him."

ROBERT CULUMBER '78, '79 of Biloxi has been named chief administrative officer of Corporate Management Inc. Bobby is vice president of Culumber, Fletcher, Harvey & Associates, P.A. He has more than 29 years of experience as a CPA in his own firm on the coast, as well as four years in Louisiana with Deloitte, Haskins & Sells. He has served on the Board of Governors of the Mississippi Society of Certified Public Accountants as well as president of the Gulf Coast chapter. Bobby holds a Master of Science in Accounting as well as a Bachelor of Science from The University of Southern Mississippi.

Busby Elected Vice Chairman of MBA

Odean Busby '73 of Magee has been elected vice chairman of the Mississippi Bankers Association. Busby will be a member of the Board of Directors, which governs the 123-year-old association. MBA's membership includes commercial banks and savings institutions, which hold 95 percent of the bank deposits in Mississippi. Busby serves as executive chairman of PriorityOne Bank in Magee. He has been with the bank for 31 years. Busby earned a bachelor's degree in banking and finance from The University of Southern Mississippi.

The Madison Club Elects Jackson to Board of Directors



Jerlando F. L. Jackson was elected to the Board of Directors of the Madison Club. The Madison Club is a private business club located in downtown Madison, Wis. Established in 1909, the Madison Club recently celebrated its 100th anniversary. Dr. Jackson will serve a 3-year term. Jackson is a Professor of Higher and Postsecondary Education in Educational Leadership and Policy Analysis at the University of Wisconsin-Madison. He also serves as Director of Wisconsin's Equity and Inclusion Laboratory. In addition to his work at the University of Wisconsin-Madison, Dr. Jackson is also the Executive Director for the Center for African American Research and Policy and is the President/CEO of The Jackson Consulting Firm. A member of the Madison Club since 2007, he serves on the House and Marketing committees. He earned his bachelor's degree from The University of Southern Mississippi, a M.Ed. from Auburn University, and a Ph.D. from Iowa State University. He is also a Life Member of the Alumni Association.

1980s

GINGER SMITH '80, '87, '00 announces her retirement from the United States Army and the National Guard after 30 years of service to her country. She plans to return to Southern Miss full time to pursue a specialist's degree in elementary education, as well as to fulfill a life-long dream of taking art classes. One of her recent drawings was awarded second place in the Department of Art and Design 2012 Annual Student Show. Several of her current works have been on display in the Cook Library Learning Commons.

DAELIN MILLER '82 of Florida completed her Master of Social Work in May 2012 at the University of West Florida.

JACKIE RAY MOFFETT '84 and Tracey Lynn White were married on July 8, in Ypsilanti, Mich.

WARREN MILLER '87 was promoted to the title of state emergency program manager as he continues to serve the Red Cross.

1990s

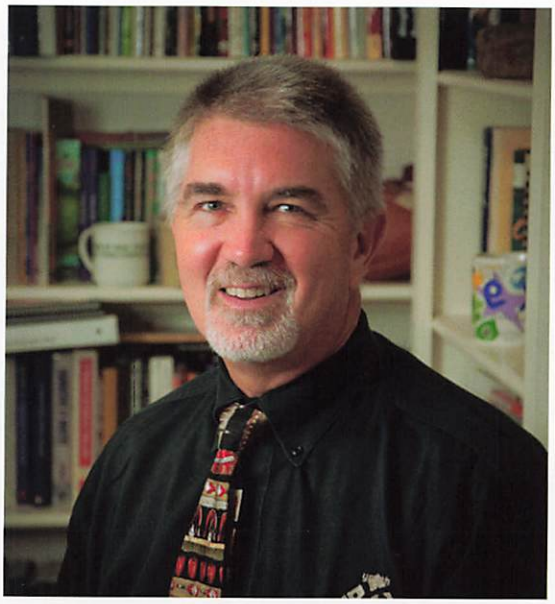
PAUL NELSON '90, '92 of Vidalia, La., was appointed as the superintendent of Concordia Parish schools on July 12, 2012.

LTC DEXTER CASTON '94 of Jackson took command of 2nd Battalion, 345th Infantry Regiment, 157th Infantry Brigade, 1st Army East at Fort Jackson, S.C., on May 11.

Lt. Governor Appoints Heidelberg to Oil & Gas Board for Second Term

Jimmy Heidelberg of Pascagoula has been appointed by Lt. Governor Tate Reeves to the Mississippi Oil and Gas Board for a second four-year term. Heidelberg is vice chairman and will continue to represent the Mississippi Oil and Gas Board before the Mississippi Legislature and serve as liaison with state agencies – including the Mississippi Department of Environmental Quality (MDEQ) through April 2016. The Mississippi State Senate confirmed Heidelberg's appointment on May 2, 2012. He has practiced law in Pascagoula since his admission to the Mississippi Bar in January 1978, and represents several Mississippi governmental agencies and political subdivisions. Heidelberg is an approved attorney for the Mississippi Tort Claims Board. In 2003, he received the Mississippi State Bar Distinguished Service Award.

Jackson to be Featured Speaker at Shorter University



Allen Jackson of New Orleans, La., will be the featured speaker at Shorter University's spring commencement exercises in May 2013. Jackson is a professor of youth ministry at the New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary, and has been a member of their staff since 1994. Allen previously served as minister to students in several churches. Jackson earned his Bachelor of Science in Business Administration from The University of Southern Mississippi and both the Master of Religious Education and the Doctor of Philosophy degrees from the New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary.

KAMI WERT '96 of the Gulf Coast was promoted to senior vice president and brand supervisor at the Godwin Group of the Gulf Coast. Kami joined the agency in 1997 and has demonstrated her innate leadership ability for 15 years, easily earning her latest accomplishment.

DANA E. SMITH '99, writer and director of the feature film *Cagin of Chrysaint,* has released her work on DVD to all markets. Her film is available at more than 70 retailers including Amazon, Wal-Mart and Books-A-Million.

2000s

MARK HAULMAN '02, '03 and **NICKI CASE HAULMAN '00, '03** of Nashville, Tenn., happily announce their March 2012 wedding.

DEWAYNE '03 and **LORIECE WALKER '04** welcomed a daughter Haylee Michelle, on October 20, 2011. The Walkers currently reside in Houston, Texas.

BENJAMIN '03, '07 and **KATHRYN BRYAN '08, '11** announce the birth of their son Colton Ross Bryan on June 3, 2012, in Hattiesburg. Colton was born at 5:56 p.m.

DR. MOLLY CLARK '05 of Jackson, was elected to a four-year position on the National Register's Board of Directors.

ALUMNI AUTHORS

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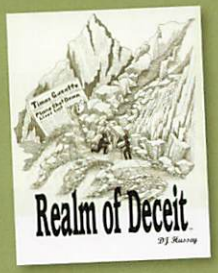
Animal Behavior
Hal J. Daniel III, Ph.D.
Chiron Review Press, 2009
Purchase Price: $10
Available directly from the author, write to danielh@ecu.edu
Page Count: 103

Citing experiences from a 40-year career of teaching college courses like "Human Anatomy and Physiology" and "Animal Behavior," author Hal J. Daniel III '69 creates metaphors for the human experience as they compare to our roots in animal behavior. A sophomore student once asked the author where our human behaviors come from, a question that called Dr. Daniel to create a series of writings that examines our actions and their roots in our shared animal ancestry. Dr. Daniel is currently a professor of biology at East Carolina University, located in Greenville, North Carolina.

Wildflower Ranch
Stefani Carmichael
Character Publishing, 2011
Purchase Price: $17.99
Available through Amazon.com
Page Count: 140

Alyssa Bradburn has a difficult life, and after her mom's disappearance it does not get any easier. Alyssa's autistic brother, Ethan, is her greatest joy, and when they are separated, she is devastated. Even worse, she has an uneasy feeling about his new home. With everything falling apart around her, is there anyone she can trust? *Wildflower Ranch* tells the amazingly accessible story of homeless children attempting to make sense of their ever-changing world. This story can be shared by children and adults alike, making it a true gem. Author Stefani Carmichael '04 is a proud Southern Miss and Honors College alumna, and currently resides in Mississippi.

Realm of Deceit
DJ Hussey
DJ Books, LLC, 2012
Purchase Price: Paperback - $12.99, eBook - $7.49
Available through Amazon.com
Page Count: 264



Beginning with a stunning attack on two journalists in the mountains of Afghanistan, *Realm of Deceit* starts and doesn't stop until the very last page, thrilling readers with political intrigue, action, and a conspiracy that threatens the very existence of the United States. Author DJ Hussey '81 served our country as a financial advisor and now spends her time using her experiences to thrill her readers. She currently spends her time traveling along the southern coast of the U.S. and finishing her second novel.

Growing Up Southern: When Ladies Wore Gloves and Hats and Racism Was Just A Word
Patricia Collins
CreateSpace Independent Publishing, 2012
Purchase Price: Paperback - $7.88
Available through Barnes and Noble Booksellers
Page Count: 94

"Even as a child, I could not understand why white people trusted their most precious children to a woman who had to enter through the back door." With this powerful statement, *Growing Up Southern* begins a narrative tale of Patricia Collins' '65 life in the United States South. Drawing exclusively from her personal experiences, Collins paints a picture of changing social attitudes during the civil rights movement. These social attitudes reflected the

JASON WOOTEN '05 and **JENNIFER CUCHENS WOOTEN '05, '06** announce the birth of their daughter, Hannah Brooke Wooten. Hannah Brooke was welcomed by Golden Eagle grandparents **RANDY CUCHENS '77** and **SUSAN MCNAB CUCHENS '78.**

JULIE ANNE SHERIDAN STANLEY '07 received her Doctor of Pharmacy degree in May 2012 from the University of Louisiana at Monroe College of Pharmacy. She was awarded the Albert P. Lauve Memorial Award for the demonstration of excellence for institutional pharmacy practice, the Phi Lambda Sigma Honor Society Leadership Award and the CVS Leadership Award. She is currently employed with CVS.

TYLEEN CAFFREY '08 was crowned the inaugural American Beauties Plus Elite Woman of Achievement. The crown is based on a community service platform in conjunction with the American Beauties Plus Pageant held in Atlanta, Ga.

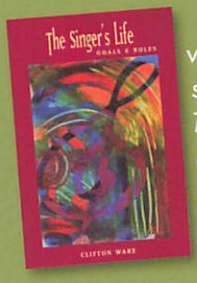
character and personality of the women she was surrounded by, as both a child and young adult.

In addition to *Growing Up Southern*, Collins also is the author of *Mama Babe*, a novel about a young woman who manager a large antebellum plantation. Affectionately called 'Mama Babe' by the plantations workers, she has been trained in midwifery and delivers all of the plantations' babies.

Prior to the Civil War, Mama Babe frees the slaves and those who choose to stay at the plantations are hired as free men. This is a story of love, loss, faith, freedom and family. With its vivid description of food, fashion and characters, it provides an amazing insight into the life styles of the Antebellum South.

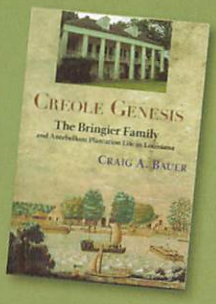
A native of Mississippi, Patricia Collins currently resides in Texas.

The Singer's Life: Goals and Roles
Dr. Clifton Ware
Birch Grove Publishing, 2008
Purchase Price: Paperback - $35
Available through Amazon.com
Page Count – 262



Already used in the vocal coursework of several universities, *The Singer's Life* is an exploration into what it means to be not only a successful vocal musician, but a successful human being. Mixing in personal anecdotes with practical advice, Dr. Ware '62 successfully aids prospective performers and teachers alike in their ability to manage themselves and the world around them. Dr. Ware is currently living in Knoxville, Tenn., where he is an adjunct professor at the University of Tennessee, Knoxville campus.

Creole Genesis: The Bringier Family and Antebellum Plantation Life in Louisiana
Craig Bauer
University of Louisiana at Lafayette Press, 2011
Purchase Price: $20
Available directly from University of Louisiana at Lafayette Press or Amazon.com



Images of what life was like in the Old South have long fascinated readers of both fiction and nonfiction. *Creole Genesis* by Craig Bauer '89 presents a detailed and comprehensive story of three generations of the Bringier family, one of the most prominent and powerful families in La., and the South during the nineteenth century. Beginning with their rise to prominence during the Spanish regime until their fall after the Civil War, the story of the Bringiers in many ways is the history of the culture of the planter elites who dominated the social, political, economic, and military history of the antebellum period of the Old South. It is also the story of the land use, culture, architecture, science, sport, and war in sugar country, as well as the chronicle of a dynamic family with its intertwined genealogy and rich collection of stories, legends, and lore that typified so much of life in the South of long ago. To examine fully antebellum life on sugar plantations, Bauer also examines the contributions and lives of the many common folk—both black and whites—who labored on the large estates of the Bringiers and whose efforts proved to be an essential ingredient in the story of plantation life in the South. Because of the prominence of the Bringiers and their many large sugar plantations and glamorous homes, it is common for other studies on the antebellum South to include bits and pieces about the family and their plantations. However, now for the first time, Bauer presents in *Creole Genesis* the detailed and comprehensive story of the three generations of this most influential Southern family. A Life Member of the Southern Miss Alumni Association, Bauer is professor of history at Our Lady of Holy Cross College in New Orleans.

BRADLEY CHARLESWORTH '08 of New Orleans, La., has been hired as the communication strategist for Gambel Communications. He will manage social media outlets, community outreach, issue management and more for a variety of clients and disciplines.

ZACHARY VANN '08, '12 of Lumberton, was accepted into the Japan Exchange and Teaching (JET) program. Zachary will be immersed in Japanese culture for one year while teaching Japanese students the English language. Vann will also serve as a cultural ambassador of the United States to his local community.

LEE CARPENTER WILLIAMS '08 received his Juris Doctor (JD) from Mississippi College School of Law in May 2012 following an internship with Judge Cheryl Blackburn, criminal court

Kendrick Kennedy '08

Southern Miss alumnus Kendrick Kennedy is blind. Despite this disability, Kendrick has succeeded in the extremely difficult task of passing the Mississippi Bar exam on his very first try.

Prior to attending the University of Mississippi School of Law, Kendrick Kennedy '08 graduated from Southern Miss Gulf Coast with a degree in management information systems. While attending school, he also served as the Gulf Coast Student Government president and as president of the National Federation of the Blind's Gulf Coast chapter. Kendrick credits Southern Miss for the intensity he discovered that helped carry him through his legal studies. "The law is something totally different," said Kennedy, "[and] I developed a great work ethic through my undergraduate studies".

Kennedy has since relocated back to the Mississippi Gulf Coast to practice law and establish his career. He is currently an associate at Conway and Martin, P.C. in Gulfport. While working, he continues to serve as an advocate for the visually impaired, actively working on the Board of the National Federation of the Blind in Biloxi. While knowledgeable that much of Mississippi's legal presence lies in Jackson, Kennedy remains optimistic. "When I was in school, I knew what my goals were, but now I'm pressing the reset button," added Kennedy. "You see your goal, but not the path it takes to get there. What you want stays on your mind, but you have to figure out how to get there".

judge for Nashville-Davidson County, Tenn. He joined the Nashville-based law firm of King and Ballow in August 2012. A native of Madison, Williams holds a Bachelor of Science from The University of Southern Mississippi.

2010s

ADEWUNMI O. OKE '11 has just completed her first year of graduate coursework at University of Massachusetts, Amherst. During the fall, Oke served as assistant dramaturg for *The Whipping Man* at Hartford Stage and played the role of Rena in *Hell or High Water*. In the Spring, Oke dramaturged a devised piece of theatre centered on the Gulf Oil Spill.

LARA LEWIS HOREA '11 was married October 22, 2011, to Dennis Michael Jackson Horea.

In Memoriam

WILMER M. DENNIS '38
of New Augusta died May 7, 2012

WILLIAM NEWTON TAYLOR '50
of Laurel died July 17, 2012

WILLIAM MURRY BUCKY" MCELROY, JR. '54
of Monroe, La., died July 18, 2012

FRANK EDWARD BOUNDS '56
of Marietta, Ga., died July 21, 2012

DR. WILLIE EARL COOLEY-DAVIS '56 '58 '72
of Fairhope, Ala., died July 21, 2012

CHARLIE ALONZO WEEKS '56 '59
of Panama City, Fla., died July 29, 2012

BOBBY D. WILKINS '56
of Lewisville, N.C. died May 7, 2012

CHARLES EARL WILSON '56 '60
of Ferriday, La., died July 29, 2012

GEORGE L. POWELL JR. '57
of Theodore, Ala., died May 4, 2012

HOMER L. JOHNSON '58
of Long Beach, Calif., died May 6, 2012

WILLIAM C. TREST '58
of Hattiesburg died July 17,2012

ALLENE EAVES MASON '59
of Tupelo died July 17, 2012

J. LARRY GRANT '65
of Vicksburg died July 25, 2012

JAMES "ERNIE" QUIMBY '67
of Hernando died May 7, 2012

PAUL RICHARD "RICK" LAMBERT '73
of Gulfport died July 23, 2012

ALAN D. FARMER '74
of Biloxi, died May 8, 2012

TILLYE E. SEMPLE '79
of Theodore, Ala., died May 7, 2012

DR. KENNARD ALLEN GRIMES '82
of Nashville, Tenn., died July 18, 2012

WILLIE O. STOKES SR. '84
of Petal died June 1, 2012

EDWARD PETER GRAFF '88
of McGregor, Minn., died July 15, 2012

GINGER HOLMES HOLLINGSHEAD '89
of Brandon died July 18, 2012

BURGESS NEIL REED '99
of Nipomo, Calif., died July 26, 2012

CYNTHIA CAMPBELL BROWN
of Nashville, Tenn., died December 2, 2011

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USO Hattiesburg	*Free collector's dog tag*
Villie's Subs	*$1 off order of six-inch sandwich, side order and large drink $1 off game day party subs*

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Answers below are to questions asked on Page 18.

1. The first football game was played in the fall of 1912 when the MNC football team took on the Hattiesburg Boy Scouts at Kamper Park.
2. President Claude Bennett
3. MSC joined the Southern Intercollegiate Athletic Conference in 1930 and remained in the conference until 1947.
4. *Are You from Dixie?*
5. Pete Taylor, Southern Miss Golden Eagles Baseball Coach, 1959-85

How did you score?

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#58
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Southern SCENES

Eagle Walk

University of Southern Mississippi freshmen and transfer students participated in a popular Hattiesburg campus tradition, the Painting of the Eagle Walk, on Sunday, Aug. 19 under the east side of M.M. Roberts football stadium.

The incoming students split into teams while painting sections of the street surface under the east stand of the stadium, using roller brushes or even their own bodies to coat the surface with gold paint. The Painting of the Eagle Walk is one of the highlights of Golden Eagle Welcome Week (GEWW) as incoming freshmen and transfer students prepare for the fall semester by getting to know their classmates, faculty and staff and administrators through a variety of educational and recreational activities.

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SOUTHERN Tradition AT-A-GLANCE

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